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Assuring security U.S. presents Begin new plan on pullout

TEL AVIV, March 17 (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Thursday received detailed U.S. proposals on security arrangements in southern Lebanon, Israeli officials said.

At a briefing for correspondents, they said the new proposals were worked out during Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's recent visit to Washington, where he met five times with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

"The ideas are detailed and take our problems into account," said one official, who asked not to be identified. "Whether it is in a way that is enough to satisfy us is for the cabinet to decide."

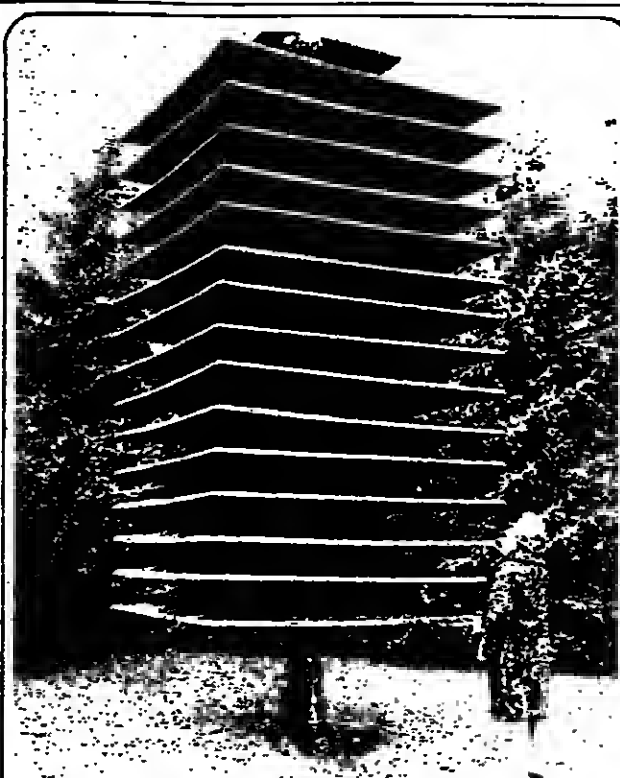
Begin's government was to discuss the proposals at its weekly meeting on Sunday, the official said. He added that the detailed suggestions were drafted after Shamir left Washington on Tuesday. They were delivered by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis Thursday.

Security in southern Lebanon near the Israeli border has been a major issue in negotiations to secure the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. Israel has been demanding five military outposts manned by Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon. The official said the new proposals were intended to meet the requirements envisaged for such outposts without the presence of Israeli troops on Lebanese soil. "We wanted close cooperation between the Israeli and Lebanese armies," he said. "The Americans, who at first did not like this idea, have now accepted it in principle."

Israeli newspapers reported that Washington is now backing the idea of close cooperation on various command levels and arrangements for sharing intelligence data between Lebanon and Israel. The newspapers said Shamir supported the proposals but much would depend on whether the army believed they would effectively prevent a return of Palestinian commandos to southern Lebanon.

The other main stumbling block in the negotiations, the dispute over future Israeli-Lebanese relations, was not discussed in Washington, the official said. Israel is demanding open borders and free movement of goods and people between the two countries. But Lebanon fears open ties with Israel would harm its relations with the Arab world.

The negotiations, which were postponed this week because of the visits of Shamir and Lebanese Foreign Minister Eli Salem to Washington, will resume on Monday in Netanya, north of Tel Aviv, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.



ENERGY "TREE": Inventor Gunther Wegener says he has solved his energy problems with development of his energy "tree". Constructed in the garden of his home in Bonn, West Germany, the "tree" heats his home without the use of oil, gas, or coal. It operates by means of a water and anti-freeze mixture that circulates through thin tin plate. The mixture extracts warm air from surrounding atmosphere and reduces temperature by 5 degrees. This is enough to heat the house on the principle of a heat pump, something like a refrigerator but in reverse. Electricity generated by the method is produced at one-tenth of normal cost.

Soviets threaten to deploy missiles near U.S. borders

MOSCOW, March 17 (AFP) — The Soviet Union Thursday warned it would deploy nuclear missiles "near U.S. borders" if Washington goes ahead with plans to install Pershing II and Cruise missiles in the European theater late this year.

Soviet academician Georgi Arbatov, head of the United States and Canada Institute here, said Moscow "will have to install extra missiles not only in Europe but also near the American borders" if the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) goes ahead with the deployment.

In a lengthy article published in the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, Arbatov pointed out that if NATO went ahead with plans to deploy extra Euro-missiles, this would remove all basis for both the Geneva-based U.S.-Soviet Euro-missile talks as well as an agreement on a reduction of strategic forces.

"It is difficult to imagine that an agreement could be concluded on a reduction of strategic arms," he said. "The Americans will add hundreds of missiles capable of attaining Soviet territory."

This is the second time in a week that the Soviets have raised the possibility of deploying missiles capable of directly threatening the United States.

On March 9, Vadim Zagladin, assistant head of international affairs for the Communist Party central committee, suggested in Rome that the Soviets could deploy missiles — equivalent to several Pershing IIs in flight time near the United States.

And in his statement Thursday, Arbatov, like Zagladin, rejected the possibility of a U.S.-sponsored "intermediary solution". Commenting on rumors that Washington might "make new intermediary proposals", he said: "These would only be propaganda move posing as a compromise that was geared at the same end — the deployment of medium-range armaments in Europe."

Describing U.S. and NATO proposals at the Geneva talks as "dishonest", he added that Western claims that British and French missiles could not be included in a missile count as they were not under NATO firing orders were "ridiculous".

The Soviet Union, he stressed, wanted "detente, a lasting peace and disarmament". And he warned Washington that if it applied NATO policies, it would be taking on a grave "responsibility".

Observers here felt Moscow was stepping up pressure on the United States at a time when Ronald Reagan's administration seemed to be trying to define "an intermediary solution" in order to reach a compromise at Geneva.

Japan bars N-arms entry

TOKYO, March 17 (R) — The Japanese government, fearing protests next week during the visit of a U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, told the United States Thursday it cannot bring nuclear weapons into Japan.

A government spokesman said Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe reminded U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield that Japanese regulations do not permit production or possession of nuclear weapons in this country or the introduction of such weapons into Japan or its territorial waters.

Many Japanese believe that the carrier, the 90,000-ton *Enterprise*, which arrives at Sasebo in southern Japan on Monday, carries nuclear weapons for its A-6 and A-7 bombers.

More than 3,000 riot police will protect the ship and its 5,500-man crew when it arrives with its escorting cruisers and destroyers after taking part in major war games still under way in South Korea. On Wednesday, police found an unexploded fire bomb in a U.S. navy ammunition dump in Sasebo and several radical groups have said they will protest at the carrier's arrival, including some who said they will use boats to try to disrupt its entry into port.

Attack on Marines Israel bites hand that feeds

DETROIT, March 17 (AP) — Israeli troops are deliberately threatening U.S. Marines in Lebanon, in one instance shooting in front of them, the commander of the Marine Corps has written U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, according to a published report.

Gen. Robert Barrow asks in the letter that "firm and strong action" be taken to end the state of confrontation between the U.S. and Israeli troops, the Washington Bureau of Knight-Ridder newspapers reported. The article was published in Thursday's editions of the *Detroit Free Press* and other newspapers.

Barrow said shots were fired in three incidents this year, and in another incident Israelis threatened to kill an American captain. It was the first report of such shooting by Israelis involving American forces.

Incidents in Lebanon have involved both American Marine and Army officers "in life-threatening situations, replete with verbal degradation of the officers, their uniform and country," Barrow wrote. "Unfortunately, and of greater concern to me, is that incidents of this nature are the rule, rather than the exception."

"It is inconceivable to me why Americans — serving in peacekeeping roles — must be harassed, endangered and degraded by an ally."

In Washington, Marine Corps and Defense Department spokesmen who asked that their names not be used said they were not familiar with the letter or the incidents described by Barrow.

Weinberger has been accused by Israeli officials of deliberately overplaying such instances of confrontation that have occurred, notably the one in January in which a Marine captain drew a pistol to stop an Israeli tank patrol from infringing on what he considered territory under U.S. control.

At that point, U.S. officials said there had been "half a dozen" confrontations between U.S. and Israeli forces. Only one has been reported since then, last week, when a U.S. patrol and an Israeli patrol clashed orally on Wednesday, five Marines were slightly injured in a grenade attack. The 1,200-man Marine force, part of a larger deployment of troops from Britain, Italy and France, has been patrolling the Beirut area since last fall in an effort to bolster the Lebanese government.

The newspaper report said that according to a classified document, on Jan. 31 an Israeli tank opened fire with a 50-caliber machine gun on the road in front of an American patrol, forcing the patrol to turn around.

In another incident, Israeli troops pointed American-Mag-16 rifles at a Marine captain and "stated they would kill him if he took one step toward them," the newspaper reported. The captain renounced his vehicle.

In a third incident described in the document, Maj. Herman Kafura, attached to a United Nations observation team, was "threatened with pointed weapons" and his "life was deliberately threatened."

Barrow was quoted as writing that he could "no longer remain silent on this continual problem of provocation," by Israeli troops. "It is evident to me that the incidents between the Marines and the IDF (Israeli defense forces) are timed, orchestrated and executed for obtrusive Israeli political purposes," Barrow wrote in the letter dated Monday.

Scandal-hit Turin government quits

ROME, March 17 (AP) — The Communist-Socialist city government in Turin resigned Thursday in a mushrooming bribery scandal that has tarnished the reputation for honesty of leftist-led local administrations.

Diego Novelli, a Communist who took over as mayor of Italy's automobile capital in 1977 from the Christian Democrats, announced the resignation of the government at a city hall news conference.

It came three days after the government of Turin's region of Piedmont, an alliance of Communists, Socialists and Social Democrats, resigned.

Eight local officials including Turin's Socialist Deputy Mayor Enzo Biffi, have been arrested on charges of corruption.

A separate investigation into waste of public money was extended late Wednesday to Rome's left-wing city council after magistrates said they suspected local officials of falsifying their expenses with fictitious or exaggerated claims for meals.

The leading *Corriere Della Sera* of Milan said that "the accused and those under investigation now belong to Italy's most powerful parties: the Socialists, Communists and Christian Democrats."

"The investigators' offices and the relevant courts must be left free to get to the bottom of the case, with no exceptions for any party, even if it has a mass following," the newspaper said in an editorial.

The editor of Milan's conservative daily *Il Giornale Nuovo*, wrote that bribe-taking and corruption are widespread now in all of Italy's political parties.

In the 1970's, leftist politicians ran for office pledging to clean up local administrations, arguing they were different from the right-wing Christian Democrats implicated in most of Italy's national and local scandals.

Italy's Communists, Western Europe's largest and the second biggest party in Italy behind the Christian Democrats, won control of most of Italy's major cities in alliances with the Socialists, the third largest party.

Coalition talks on Kohl offers post to Strauss

BONN, March 17 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl began talks Thursday on a new coalition between his conservatives and the Free Democrats (FDP) amid continued speculation on the future role of right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss.

Kohl, whose election triumph 11 days ago has been marred by an open power struggle over government jobs, offered a cabinet role to the controversial Bavarian Premier Wednesday but refused to say what post he had proposed.

Strauss is demanding more power for his Christian Social Union (CSU), sister-party of the chancellor's Christian Democrats (CDU), which increased its vote in the March 6 poll while the FDP lost 19 of its 53 parliamentary seats.

Conservative newspapers speculated Thursday that he had been offered the Defense Ministry, currently held by Christian Democrat Manfred Woerner, perhaps with extra responsibility for arms control and intelligence services.

But there was no sign that the Bavarian leader would accept such an offer and some political analysts said they believed Strauss had already decided not to come to Bonn and was only playing for more influence over policy.

It appeared certain that Strauss had not been offered the post which he has long coveted — the Foreign Ministry portfolio of FDP leader Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Genscher said in a radio interview before Thursday's talks that he was "pretty sure" Kohl had not offered his job to the Bavarian leader. But analysts said Strauss, who fought Bonn's policy of detente with the Soviet bloc throughout the 1970s, had succeeded in forcing some of his foreign policy ideas on the chancellor Wednesday.

Meanwhile, coalition partners reached early agreement Thursday on an austerity policy to revive the ailing economy without raising taxes, spokesmen said.

The conservative Christian Democrats and Christian Social Union said their pact with the liberal Free Democrats requires 40 billion marks (\$16.8 billion) to be saved over the next three years.

Specifics on spending cuts have not been ironed out, according to party general-secretaries Heiner Geissler of the Christian Democrats, Edmund Stoiber of the Christian Social Union and Imgrid Adam-Schwaetzer of the Free Democrats.

Bonn backs rights of Palestinians

BONN, March 17 (AP) — West German President Karl Carstens welcomed King Hussein of Jordan with military honors at the start Thursday of the Arab monarch's European tour to promote peace in the Middle East.

At a luncheon Carstens gave for Hussein, the federal president emphasized that just and lasting peace in the Middle East was impossible without recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people and the right of Israel to exist within safe borders.

West Germany and its European partners would do everything in their power to further the prospects for achieving a peaceful solution in the Middle East, Carstens said. West Germany currently holds the presidency in the European Community.

He added that in Bonn's view, the American peace plan of Sept. 1, the Arab peace blueprint adopted in Fez Sept. 9, and the European community's 1979 Venice declaration urging all states in the region to recognize each other's existence and support Palestinian self-determination, contained realistic elements for reaching a solution.

"Jordan belongs to our closest friends in the Arab world. The status of our cooperation is excellent," Carstens said. He added, "when weapons become silent in the Middle East, then peace in Europe will also be more secure."

Hussein also met for 90 minutes Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at the neighboring chancellery, where the two politicians and Bavarian Gov. Franz Josef Strauss were busy with crucial coalition talks for most of the day.

Following the visit, during which Hussein reportedly was to explain the Arab decisions in Fez while the West Germans planned to explain their view that the American, Arab and EC declarations would have to be coordinated to reach a solid negotiating basis, the monarch was to fly to London.

Hussein had arrived in Bonn Wednesday evening and was greeted at the airport by Genscher, who took him to Schloss Gymnich, the moated castle the West German government uses to accommodate heads of state and other important guests.

Iranians shout anti-U.S. slogans

DAMASCUS, March 17 (AP) — A group of Iranians, shouting "death of America," gathered around former U.S. President Jimmy Carter as he toured the ancient market in Damascus on Thursday, on the second day of a private visit to Syria, witnesses said.

Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, arrived in Damascus on Wednesday. During a siting-out tour Thursday, he visited the market where a group of Iranians gathered around him shouting "God is great," and "death to Americans," witnesses reported.

President Hafez Assad gave a luncheon for the Carters, but there were no reports about their discussions, which Syrian officials described as "private and non-official."

Carter is on a Middle East tour that has already taken him to Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He was expected to pay a brief visit to Lebanon on Friday where he was to meet President Amin Gemayel and visit the U.S. Marines of the multinational peacekeeping force.

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OPEC jittery as pressure mounts on U.K. to cut price

LONDON, March 17 (Agencies) — OPEC's hard-won agreement on oil prices came under pressure Thursday as major oil companies renewed pressure on the British National Oil Corp. for another drop in the price of North Sea crude.

The *Daily Telegraph* reported that several oil companies were poised to seek a reduction of up to \$1 a barrel on the state-owned corporation's present proposed price of \$30.50 a barrel.

Oil companies say North Sea oil at \$30.50 a barrel is uncompetitive against Nigerian oil, now priced at \$30, and against the basic price of \$29 for oil agreed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries here Monday.

Oil ministers of the 13-nation OPEC reached agreement on the \$29 figure only after 12 days of hard wrangling amongst themselves.

Britain, which does not belong to OPEC, is currently the world's fifth largest oil producer and worries about a fall in North Sea prices hit the British pound Wednesday night. It closed at \$1.50995.

The *Daily Telegraph* said some reports in oil circles predicted that North Sea oil could fall as low as \$25 a barrel. The *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* in London said Wednesday that OPEC producers "might swallow" a \$30 price for North Sea crude.

But the *Weekly* said "all hell would break out" if the oil companies forced BNOC to cut more than that and thereby pushed OPEC into a free-for-all oil war.

During the marathon OPEC parleys in London last week, it was reported that Mrs. Thatcher's government had been pressured into accepting a nominal ceiling on production. However, analysts say this will be on no avail if Britain agrees to a price cut.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said Wednesday OPEC's new London agreement will not make the Gulf producers into "swing" producers.

Sheikh Khalifa commented "not meeting your quota does not make you into a swing producer. OPEC countries are not forced to reach these quotas — this is only a ceiling for each country."

Oil industry circles in the Gulf region believed it was unlikely that Kuwait and Qatar would be able to meet their newly awarded quotas. In Abu Dhabi, Western oilmen were saying that with the second quarter drawing near, even Abu Dhabi could face pressure from buyers, despite the fact that its oil is of the highest quality in the Gulf.

But the Kuwaiti minister said that any country which was unable to meet their quota in any

given quarter, would not be able to make up the difference in the following quarter. Kuwait's new price would be \$27.30 per barrel, the minister confirmed. There was no decision however as to when the new prices would be applicable.

In Qatar, local oil officials were still waiting to be informed of the new level of prices. In the last month, Qatar's production went down to a record low of just 200,000 barrels daily, down from a January average of around 260,000 barrels daily. Qatar's new quota is 300,000 barrels daily.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Oil Minister Qassem Ahmed Taqi was quoted Wednesday as saying that OPEC, Mexico and North Sea oil producers had an understanding on the need to stabilize the international market.

The semi-official Baghdad daily *Al-Jumhuriyah* quoted Taqi as telling its correspondent in London that no formal agreement had been reached among the OPEC and non-OPEC producers on market stabilization, but contacts had taken place.

"I can say there is an understanding in the viewpoints of OPEC and Mexico and the producers in the North Sea," he said.

Meanwhile, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi was quoted by the official Iranian news agency IRNA Wednesday as reiterating his government's objection to the decision by other OPEC members to lower the price of oil. "The Iranian delegation had not signed what was approved by other OPEC members," IRNA quoted him as saying in Tehran following a cabinet meeting.

IRNA quoted Musavi as adding that the price cut decided by an OPEC ministerial conference in London Monday would "be disadvantageous for oil producing countries, instead large oil companies and cartels would benefit."

The international trade minister of the Canadian province of Alberta was quoted Wednesday as urging OPEC to keep its prices over \$25 per barrel in order to give Alberta's tar sands a chance of survival.

"We will be grateful if the OPEC producers manage to keep the price above that (\$25) level, which is the cost for extracting one barrel of oil from Alberta's vast tar sands reserves," Horst Schmidt was quoted as telling Dubai businessmen.

The visiting Canadian minister was also quoted by the English-language daily *Khalaj Times* as saying Alberta was already producing 200,000 barrels daily of oil from sands, in addition to another 800,000 barrels and six billion cubic feet of gas daily from conventional sources.



Sheikh Ali Khalifa



Mrs. Thatcher

Kingdom's policy aimed at Arab unity-- Yamani

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) — The Kingdom's policy is aimed at bolstering Arab solidarity, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani was quoted as saying in an interview published Thursday. Dr. Yamani told *Al-Madinah* that the recent meeting between Moroccan King Hassan and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid was a good step toward resolving all Arab peripheral differences.

"King Fahd is ready to take part personally or through envoys, in any talks or negotiations aimed at healing Arab rifts and clearing the Arab atmosphere," Dr. Yamani said.

Commenting on the Kingdom's oil policy, he said it was "very sound and is not based on the principles of profit or loss."

"It is a big responsibility, yet the Kingdom has remained committed to this policy," the minister added.

Dr. Yamani urged members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to honor their commitments and warned against violating the recently concluded agreement. "Any violation of the current accord will lead to chaos in the oil market and harm both the oil producing and importing states," he said.

Referring to the Middle East question,

Yamani said recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) by the U.S. administration was necessary for both parties to enable the administration to realize its desire of resolving the Palestine question.

Dr. Yamani said the recognition would also help in preserving U.S. interests in the Middle East and demonstrating American desire and good intentions for peace in the Middle East.

Referring to the Iran-Iraq war, he said the war which entered its third year has become "illogical", especially after Iraq had repeatedly expressed readiness to pull back its forces to the international borders and agreed to settle the conflict through peaceful negotiations.

Turning to domestic issues Dr. Yamani described the Saudi Arabian people as "clever and ambitious." "Saudis do not miss a single chance to serve their homeland and actively participate in industrial and agricultural projects in the country," he said.

Yamani noted the warm and "unimaginable welcome" accorded to King Fahd wherever he went in the Kingdom. "The King is very keen to meet his people everywhere and whenever it is possible," he said.

Ideal home show draws 120 companies

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 17 — More than 40,000 visitors are expected to visit the Second Ideal Home and Consumer Goods Exhibition which opened here Thursday evening at the Jeddah Expo Center. It will remain open until March 26, with more than 120 different companies displaying a variety of items.

After the spectacular success of its last year's effort, Al-Harithy Company organized this second exhibition, one of the largest and most imaginative shows of consumer, luxury and leisure products, according to Nadim Barrage, exhibition manager.

"There are 20 participants from Thailand and two exporters from Pakistan exhibiting their products," Barrage said. "The show helps manufacturers introduce new products to a large group of consumers at a marginal cost. At the same time the consumer has the opportunity to compare many products displayed under one roof."

The products on display include electrical appliances, audio and hi-fi equipment, furniture, gift items, carpets, rugs, electronic goods, clothing, textiles, kitchen equipment, food, soft drinks, garden and landscaping products, jewelry, watches, leisure and sporting goods, toys, and cosmetics.

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Cleanliness Week
DAMMAM (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsin ibn Jiluwi will patronize the "Cleanliness Week" scheduled to be organized by the Dammam Municipality on April 9. The mayor of Dammam Municipality, Zayed Fahad Al-Sikeen, said that a number of booklets will be distributed during the week calling on citizens and foreigners alike to strictly observe cleanliness and public health and adopt ideal ways for destroying and minimizing garbage.

Qatari minister
JEDDAH (SPA) — Qatari Education Minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Hamad Al-Thani visited King Abdul Aziz University here Thursday. He reviewed with Dr. Abdulrahman Nassif, the university rector, ways of developing cooperation between the university and Qatari educational institutions.

Defense aide in Najran
NAJRAN (SPA) — Deputy Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Abdul-Rahman ibn Abdul-Mohsen has arrived here in the context of a tour of the Southern Province. He inspected Najran's Military Command and visited the city's military hospital.



KENYAN MISSION: Some of the members of the Kenyan trade delegation which arrived here Tuesday night, from left to right, Joseph Mwangi Karani of Mwiti General Merchants Ltd.; Abdullah Zuhedi, of Mwanga Coffee Exporters and organizing secretary of the 16-member delegation; Harun Omwenga, chairman of the import-export committee of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and secretary of the delegation; George Ochwangi Kaosa of Majengo Timber Suppliers, Mombasa; Charles K. Mwangi, Kenyan Embassy first secretary (commercial); Renakio Ratief, of H & R Ratief Ltd.; and Njoroge Gicheha, general manager of Muranga Thyser Co.

Kenyan business delegation seeking to promote exports

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 17 — Kenyan businessmen are here to launch their country's big export drive with a view to exploiting the ever-growing potential of the Kingdom's market in certain new products apart from boosting their traditional items.

Harun O. Omwenga, chairman of the import-export committee of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and secretary of the 16-member trade mission which arrived here Tuesday night, said that although close relations have existed between the two countries for a long time, it is only now that a mission of such magnitude is venturing into the Kingdom to "re-establish" its reputation as an exporting country.

"During our stay here until Friday night we'll be doing our best to contact many local importers, businessmen and dealers, apart from the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, to

SIDE approves loans

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) — The Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) has approved loans amounting to SR49.6 million for ten industrial projects in the Kingdom.

The decision to approve the loans was taken at the fund's board of directors meeting held here Tuesday night under the chairmanship of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) deputy governor and the fund's chairman, Hamad Al-Siar.

Seminar on office automation concludes

By Deradai Khali
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 17 — A six-day seminar on "automation in office" sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Chambers' Council at the headquarters of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry concluded Thursday. The seminar, attended by 45 staff members from various business institutions, was designed to give a broad awareness of the office equipment, especially computers, and how these machines can increase efficiency, according to Muhammad Amin Lotfi of the Management Information System Division, Phoenix Corporation of the USA who was one of the faculty members at the seminar.

The most important thing in decision-making is to get information when you need it, he told *Arab News*. "Unless you have full information, decisions will not be 100 percent right. These modern machines can store and retrieve information for right decisions. But this requires trained people and proper procedures," he said.

"In this seminar we have focused attention on these three aspects of office automation — people, procedure and technology," he added. The seminar discussed during the six days recruitment and evaluation of personnel, different procedures and how to analyze them and the evolution of office equipment technology.

An exhibition of office equipment with all modern machines such as word processor, automatic filing system, desk top computer, programmed pocket computer, facsimile was arranged to give a proper idea of the office automation systems to the participants.

GCC aviation aides demand more flights

ABU DHABI, March 17 (WAM) — Civil aviation officials and heads of national airways companies in the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council member states recommended at the end of their meetings in Muscat the increase of flights among the Gulf cities and the rescheduling of the current flights to facilitate the free movement of Gulf people in the region.

They also recommended the setting up of a committee to prepare a study on freight fares and reactivate the project of a freight company to meet the increased volume of imports and exports of Gulf states with Europe, the U.S. and the Far East.

The conference also called for further cooperation among the three companies owned by the GCC states including the Kuwaiti, Saudi and the Gulf Air.

The conference said that a meeting will be held shortly in Kuwait to revise transportation concessions for foreign airlines' bilateral agreements and coordination to face the new procedures of foreign companies which might be taken against the GCC airline companies affecting their interests.

Rescue operation mounted Floods isolate Riyadh areas

By A Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 17 — The fate of the 15,000 inhabitants of Al-Dolom remained unknown Wednesday afternoon after torrential rains flooded the village's brick and clay houses. Riyadh Governor Prince Salman was to tour the area early Thursday morning with his deputy, Prince Sattam, King Fahd is reported to be closely following the situation.

The rain began Tuesday evening and stopped Wednesday morning, particularly in Al-Kharj, Al-Hawta, Al-Hareeq, Al-Sulayyel, Al-Dolom, and other areas. It was so intense that it wiped out roads leading from one village to another. King Fahd immediately ordered the Ministries of Interior, Defense and Aviation, and Finance and National Economy and the Civil Defense Department to mobilize all their potentials for the rescue operation.

A Civil Defense Department spokesman said, however, that unusually thick fog during the rainfall forced the men to halt their operations. They were giving directions to inhabitants of the isolated areas by microphones and loudspeakers. Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, gave instructions that all the neces-

sary military equipment be rushed to the inundated area and be used in rescue and relief efforts. Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, is also constantly in touch with the operation center.

A Riyadh governorate statement Wednesday evening said that the authorities have managed to supply tents, blankets and food supplies to the victims. It added that only two persons died in the deluge and some very old mud houses were destroyed.

King Fahd also has established a special committee to assess the damage more thoroughly and propose a host of measures to avoid such catastrophes in the future. The Committee is made up of Communications Undersecretary Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum; Abdul Rahman Al-Hammad, assistant deputy governor of Riyadh; and Ahmad Al-Mishaal, director general of the municipal and rural affairs of Riyadh Province.

Prince Salman ordered the immediate formation of medical and relief teams to look after the isolated people. The teams include representatives of the Saudi Royal Air Force, the Civil Defense, the Police, the Traffic Department, electricity companies and volunteers from the areas.

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On leftist takeover threat in Central America

Mexico rejects 'domino theory'

MEXICO CITY, March 17 (AP) — President Miguel de la Madrid says he rejects the Reagan administration's so-called "domino theory" on the threat of a leftist takeover in Central America and claims that, in any case, it will not affect Mexico.

He also claims Mexico's severe economic problems will not cause political instability or lay open to threats by leftist forces. Speaking to a group of American publishers visiting here, De la Madrid said Tuesday that Mexico is "concerned by the political tension and violence in Central America."

But he said his administration opposes a

military solution, especially in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

"Mexico insists on negotiated agreements between countries and within countries," he said and repeated a long-standing offer by Mexico to mediate in the region's conflicts. He said his administration would be pleased to cooperate "in any action aimed at these objectives."

Then, referring to "domino theory" speculation by officials of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration that a leftist takeover in El Salvador would eventually spread to the other Central American coun-

tries and Mexico, De la Madrid said: "Mexico is a very strong domino and will not be easily toppled."

He also said he was "pleased to see that there has been some new understanding of this situation in the United States government," but did not elaborate.

De la Madrid took office Dec. 1 for a six-year term in the middle of Mexico's worst recession in half a century. However, foreign observers here who asked not to be identified claim there are indications Mexico is quietly softening its opposition to U.S. policy over Central America.

The Reagan administration last year turned down an offer by De la Madrid's predecessor, President Jose Lopez Portillo, to mediate differences between the United States and Cuba and between the United States and Nicaragua's Sandinista regime.

Similarly, the Reagan administration strongly criticized a joint Mexican-French statement in 1982 recognizing the leftist rebels fighting for power in El Salvador as a legitimate political force. More than 42,000 persons have been killed in that country's Civil War during the past 41 months.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda Amor and his Canadian counterpart, Allan Rock, on Wednesday pinpointed economic and social inequality as the causes of the Central American conflicts, AFP reports.

"We do not agree with the American government that the troubles in the region are the result of the East-West conflict, even if the local economic situation lends itself to Cuban and Soviet intervention," a high Canadian official said after the one and a half hour meeting between the two foreign ministers.

Maceachen told Sepulveda that Canada would lend its good offices to mediate the conflicts, the official added. Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is scheduled to meet Sepulveda and extend an invitation to President De la Madrid to visit Canada.

Situation 'could become desperate' Shultz urges Salvador aid

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Wednesday the military situation in El Salvador was not good and "could become desperate" if Congress rejects President Ronald Reagan's requests for increased military assistance.

Appearing before a House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee, Shultz encountered some skepticism from legislators but surprisingly little hostility as he appealed for the president's aid package.

The police exchanges with committee members contrasted sharply with previous congressional appearances in which Shultz and other administration witnesses have found their Salvador policy subjected to vigorous challenge.

He departed from his otherwise low key approach only when discussing the Salvadoran guerrilla movement and what he said were their Soviet bloc supporters.

Shultz criticized the tactics of the Salvadoran insurgents, claiming their campaign of "rule or ruin is depriving the people of El

Salvador of food, water, transportation, light, sanitation and work."

He also took issue with the claims of Communist countries which, he said, attempt to portray the United States as a status quo power intent on seeking "weak, unstable neighbors that we can dominate and exploit."

"These assertions are lies," Shultz said. "We are, in fact, allied with progressive forces working for economic development, reform and democracy. We seek not weak exploitable neighbors but ones that are strong, secure and independent."

The administration has asked Congress for an additional \$110 million in security assistance for El Salvador, of which \$60 million would involve transferring military aid now earmarked for other countries.

The subcommittee has veto power over the \$60 million installment. In his prepared remarks, Shultz said the security situation, "though not desperate, is not good and could become desperate if we fail to help." He said last week, the United States had to provide an emergency airlift of "critically needed small arms ammunition."

Groucho Marx estate trial goes to jury

SANTA MONICA, California, March 17 (Agencies) — The Groucho Marx estate trial went to the jury Wednesday with the judge telling jurors they must decide "without sympathy, prejudice or passion" whether Erin Fleming misused her influence to obtain a fortune from the late comedian.

The Bank of America sued Miss Fleming, claiming she misused her influence as Marx's caretaker and confidante to obtain \$428,000 in cash and gifts, including two houses and a Mercedes Benz.

The bank wants that property returned to the estate and also seeks \$500,000 in punitive damages. Judge Jacqueline Weiss, after two months of testimony, told jurors that the bank must have proved that Miss Fleming

received the fortune "by undue influence or fraud or by breach of her fiduciary duties."

The judge said the bank must prove Miss Fleming guilty of "malice, oppression and fraud" against the comic genius of film and television. The zany, cigar-chomping member of the Marx brothers died in 1977 at age 86.

Ms. Weiss told jurors that if they find in favor of the bank, they may award punitive damages "by way of example or punishment" against Miss Fleming in an amount they can decide.

Summing up a seven-week hearing, Miss Fleming's lawyer said the actress has been subjected to a sadistic persecution built on smut and dirt.

Witnesses for the bank, including nurses to Marx, have told the Santa Monica Superior Court that 42-year-old Miss Fleming screamed at him, pushed him and gave him tranquilizers against his will.

Miss Fleming's lawyer, David Sabih, told the jury of nine women and three men that his client had stood up to a sadistic persecution, based on smut and dirt, by the bank and its lawyer, J. Brin Schulman. He said no matter whether the bank or Marx's relatives believed Miss Fleming was rude, it was a rich man's right to give as much as he wished.

Schulman told the court in his summing up Monday that Miss Fleming was a self-seeking opportunist who flaunted her charms before Marx.



Lt. Col. James "Bo" Gritz

Convict demands prompt execution

LOS ANGELES, March 17 (R) — The so-called "Sunset Strip Slayer," Douglas Clark, was ordered to die in the gas chamber for murdering six young women — and promptly demanded to be executed within 10 days.

Clark, a 34-year-old factory worker, interrupted Judge Ricardo Torres as he outlined his reasons for passing the death sentence and called out: "Why don't you cut the... and get on with the sentencing?" He later demanded: "I want the execution within 10 days."

A lawyer for Clark told reporters his client would have to go through a lengthy appeal process. "Mr. Clark will probably be waiting for years to find out whether he will be executed," lawyer Keith Watson said.

Clark was convicted in January of the murders of the six, ranging in age from 15 to 24, who frequented spots on a section of Sunset boulevard in Los Angeles known as Sunset Strip. He has maintained his innocence but called on the jury during the trial to recommend the death sentence.

Another of Clark's lawyers, Maxwell Keith, had earlier asked the judge to spare Clark's life. "He is the sickest person I ever saw," Keith said. Prosecutor Robert Jorgensen drew laughter in the courtroom when he asked that Clark receive six consecutive death sentences.

Jorgensen explained that if any of the convictions "were overturned," he wanted to ensure Clark could still be punished on the remaining counts. Carol Bundy, a 32-year-old nurse and former friend of Clark, will stand trial on April 18 on two murder charges in connection with the case.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Soviet U.N. mission on New York's upper east side got 2,640 threatening or abusive telephone calls in the first two months of this year, Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky said in a letter issued here Wednesday. Troyanovsky said that every day it received "a large number of telephone calls with threats to blow up the mission building and with unprintable epithets." Troyanovsky's letter, addressed to the United States' U.N. mission, said American authorities "should immediately take effective measures for the cessation of such hooliganistic actions against the Soviet mission."

SEATTLE, Washington (AP) — An engine on a United Airlines 727 exploded on takeoff Wednesday at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, scattering engine pieces and closing the runway for about 45 minutes, a spokeswoman said. There were no injuries.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Six would-be bank robbers and a passerby were shot to death during a gun battle with police here Wednesday, authorities reported. A seventh man identified as part of the robbery gang was wounded. Police said the gang forced employees of a bank near the center of Caracas to turn over more than \$100,000 in robbery. But when they tried to flee they found police, tipped off during the robbery, were already closing in. The exchange of fire between the robbers and police took place a short distance away, police said.

WASSENAR, Netherlands (AP) — Paul Citroen, one of the most renowned Dutch artists of the 20th century, and an early force in the Dadaist movement, has died, Dutch radio reported Wednesday. Citroen was 86.

LONDON (AFP) — Seven Polish tourists Wednesday took advantage of their cruise ship's stopover and asked for political asylum here, Home Office sources said. Authorities said they were studying the requests for asylum.

HAMBURG, West Germany (AFP) — The conductor of the Weimar Opera Orchestra, Peter Guelke, has decided not to return to East Germany, friends of the musician said. Guelke, 48, was here to conduct Mozart's *Idomeneo*, but his wife and daughter remained in East Germany.

BARCELONA, Spain (R) — Josep Lluís Sert, a leading architect who was associated with the artistic world of Pablo Picasso, died here Tuesday night at the age of 80. A disciple of Le Corbusier, Sert sought exile in the United States after the 1936-39 Civil War in Spain and took up U.S. citizenship in 1951. He retired in 1969 as dean of the Harvard School of Design.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark, off the respirator and breathing comfortably on his own, is making progress in his recovery from pneumonia, a hospital spokeswoman said Wednesday.

LONDON (R) — Britain's official opposition Labor Party has slipped into third place in voter support, according to an opinion poll published Wednesday. It puts the centrist Liberal-Social Democratic alliance in second place behind the ruling Conservatives.

In search of U.S. prisoners

Gritz 'almost reached camp'

LOS ANGELES, March 17 (R) — Retired U.S. Lt. Col. James (Bo) Gritz said he got to within a few kilometers of a possible camp for U.S. prisoners of the Vietnam War in Laos. Col. Gritz, who returned to Los Angeles last Saturday after leading an unofficial search mission into Laos for U.S. prisoners, told a press conference that premature publicity by a former colleague might have alerted Laotian forces.

"When we arrived in the target area in central Laos recently we knew something was wrong because of an inordinate amount of enemy activity, including helicopters, trucks and troop movements," he said, explaining why he turned back.

The United States and Vietnam have both denounced Col. Gritz' foray into Laos. Washington said it had no reason to doubt Hanoi's word that no U.S. servicemen were still held captive. But Col. Gritz, a much-decorated veteran of the Vietnam War with the U.S. Green Beret special forces, said local intelligence sources had identified two possible camps.

"One was in a remote location with less than five (possible prisoners). The other target was more accessible and had more than 10," he said. "We elected to pursue the second target," he added.

Col. Gritz, who said he was accompanied by three other Americans and by local insurgents, added: "I decided to pull back because if there were no Americans there we would probably have wasted a very courageous local organization. Our ears in Thailand had been removed and without any radio communication I would not have been able to bring our Americans who might not have been able to move under their own power. We would have had to leave them behind."

Thai authorities had seized a powerful radio set from a house used by Col. Gritz. Before he left Thailand, he and four U.S. associates were each given a one-year suspended jail sentence and a fine for illegal possession of the radio.

Col. Gritz said his operation, which lasted four months, had cost about \$200,000 raised from a variety of sources. Asked about reports that film star Clint Eastwood donated \$30,000, Col. Gritz replied: "I don't know any film stars. A donation of \$30,000 would be a drop in the bucket."

Asked whether he would return to Laos, he said: "There is no question if I wanted to return there I could. I believe there are Americans there."

U.K. sends back Romanian

LONDON, March 17 (AP) — A man who fled Romania last year after serving nine years in prison for previous attempts to flee was denied asylum in Britain Wednesday and sent home, even though British officials acknowledged he would probably go back to jail.

Stand Babusoiu, 29, was put on an afternoon flight of the Romanian National Airline to Bucharest only hours after Home Secretary William Whitelaw ruled he did not qualify for asylum because he had broken Romanian law by leaving without official approval. Conservative members of parliament expressed outrage at the decision. Sir Bernard Braine said he was "horrified."

Iancu Ratiu, chairman of the British-Romanian Association, a Romanian lobbying group, said the decision "will be seen as a kind of collusion between British authorities and the feared secret police of Romania."

Ratiu said he called Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office at 10 Downing St. but was told by her personal secretary, Timothy Fletcher, that she would not intervene. Babusoiu arrived in Britain in April of last

year after slipping across the Romanian border into Yugoslavia and being smuggled by a truck driver across Europe and into Britain.

Upon arrival in London, he went to a local police station and attempted to apply for asylum. He spoke no English and after several tries to make himself understood, succeeded, only to be jailed for entering Britain illegally.

After intervention by Braine and by Lord Hale of the opposition Labor Party, Babusoiu was released Dec. 5 pending a Home Office decision on asylum.

In a letter to Braine, Home Office Undersecretary David Waddington said political asylum in Britain can only be granted to those whose lives are in danger for political, religious or racial reasons.

Waddington said Babusoiu fit into none of these categories. He acknowledged the likelihood that the man would be imprisoned on his return but said this was because he'd broken Romanian laws by fleeing without an exit visa. Babusoiu's nine-year jail sentence resulted from two previous attempts to flee.

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Overcomes decline in exports

Japanese economy grows 3%

TOKYO, March 17 (AP) — The Japanese economy overcame a sharp decline in the growth of exports to grow by three percent in 1982 as domestic consumption rose, according to government figures released Thursday.

Japan's gross national product for the year totaled \$856 billion at the current exchange rate, up from \$831 billion in 1981, the Economic Planning Agency said.

Exports, the traditional engine of Japanese economic growth, expanded by 3.3 percent for the year, down from jumps of 15.9 percent in 1981 and 18.8 percent in 1980, the

report said. Consumer spending, however, rose significantly from 0.5 percent in 1981 to 4.2 percent in 1982, according to the report.

The three percent overall growth rate was down from 3.8 percent for 1981, the report said. By comparison, the International Monetary Fund calculated various 1982 GNP changes as: United States, fell 1.8 percent; Canada, fell 4.9 percent; France, rose 1.4 percent; West Germany, fell 1.2 percent; Italy, rose 0.4 percent; and the United Kingdom, rose 0.6 percent.

Japan's official GNP figures are calculated

by the fiscal year, which ends March 31, and are not yet available. In fiscal 1981, Japan's GNP grew by 3.3 percent. The Japanese government has set a target of 3.1 percent growth for fiscal 1982, which was revised downward last fall from 5.4 percent.

Meanwhile, the decision at the beginning of the week by OPEC ministers to slash the benchmark price of oil by \$5 to \$29 a barrel is expected to provide an added boost to economic growth in Japan, which imports more than 80 percent of its crude oil from OPEC member states.

Minister warns of intervention

Turks debate law to overhaul banking

ANKARA, March 17 (Agencies) — The Turkish government, which this week sacked the top management of two private banks, will intervene in other banks if the need arises, Finance Minister Adnan Baser Kafaoglu has said.

The Finance Ministry announced Wednesday that the executive boards of the middle-ranking Istanbul Bankasi and Hisarbank had been dismissed and replaced by officials from the State Agriculture Bank as part of a shake-up of the troubled banking system. Officials said measures were also being prepared to intervene in the smaller ISCI Kredi Banki.

"When they (other banks) get into trouble, we won't hesitate to take similar action," Kafaoglu told the National Consultative Assembly appointed by Turkey's military rulers.

He was speaking in a debate on a draft law which if approved by the assembly will give the cabinet authority to alter, abolish or renew by decree most of the laws governing

GM-Toyota pact may hit snag

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AFP) — The recently signed joint venture between General Motors (GM) of the United States and Toyota Motors of Japan to build compact cars in California could run foul of U.S. anti-trust laws, a member of the Federal Trade Commission said here Wednesday.

The commissioner declined to be named, but a colleague, Patricia Bailey, told the Senate Trade Committee Wednesday that the commission was making an intensive review of the joint venture agreement to produce 200,000 compact cars annually, but could not yet comment on the legality of the matter.

Meanwhile, a Chrysler Motors official, Robert Perkins, condemned the GM-Toyota agreement as disadvantageous to the United States and a violation of the anti-trust laws. Perkins added, at a conference at Michigan University that the joint venture was designed to appease Washington and reduce the repercussions of American imports of Japanese cars.

the financial sector. Kafaoglu has promised to overhaul the banking system since it was plunged into crisis by the collapse last summer of Turkey's largest brokerage house, Banker Kastelli.

Kastelli and other brokers sold bank certificates of deposits and bonds in the absence of a proper capital market. They competed with Turkey's 40 retail banks for savers' deposits, sending interest rates for depositors over 50 percent and borrowers' rates as high as 80 percent.

When Kastelli crashed and most brokers went out of business, interest rates tumbled along with public confidence in the banking system and deposits of the banks fell away sharply. They have since staged a moderate recovery. Several banks now have severe cash flow problems compounded by the inability of many industrial borrowers to pay back their dues, banking sources said.

Kafaoglu said he wanted to intervene in Istanbul Bankasi and Hisarbank, now under the administration of the Agriculture Bank but still trading, six months ago but present laws did not allow him to do so without giving them a half-year warning.

He said the state had to have the authority to step in quicker and create an atmosphere in which depositors felt their savings were secured. The assembly is expected to vote on the draft law by the end of this week.

The question facing the Turks is what they will do if they have a little money stashed away and wants to see it grow?

Choices are limited. There is no stock market to speak of. Bank interest rates barely stay above the rate of inflation. And trust in banks is severely being tested.

Traditionally, Turks place their money on real estate or gold. But, the other side of the coin is an economy hungry for capital and Turkish economic planners dread that the funds of the small savers will once again end up in these non-productive investments.

Turkey's January 1980 economic recovery program, considered a great success story by experts at home and abroad, would have produced even more impressive results if it were not for the weakness of the financial sector, mainly banks, economists claim. "Our banking system did not have the capacity to support the recovery program," declared Erol

Manisali, professor of economics at the University of Istanbul. "The banking system must be changed from A to Z" according to another prominent economist, Gungor Uras.

What is wrong with the banks? First, most of Turkey's 23 private banks are subsidiaries of big industrial and commercial holdings. They lead to their own umbrella companies, whether ventures are profitable or not.

"Some kind of anti-trust law is necessary to break up these holding banks," suggests Erdogan Akkaya of Istanbul University Banking Institute. There are few specialty banks, no inter-bank market, few funds in bank portfolios, such as government bonds and stocks, other than deposits and no outside auditors. The capital of the banks is not large enough in proportion to their volume of business, exports explain.

Balance sheets, prepared by the banks' own auditors alone, seldom represent the actual financial position of a bank, reporting profits when in fact losses have been suffered in a given year, says one expert. The banks are also overstaffed and have too many branches, at the last count 6,000 throughout Turkey. "They are prestige conscious. They are in trouble because they sacrifice profits to prestige," commented a Western banker. He added that if more foreign banks, with their edge in efficiency, entered the Turkish market, "the domestic banks would go crackers."

New tenders called for Ataturk Dam

ANKARA, March 17 (R) — Turkey Thursday revised a decision on the selection of a contract for the \$1 billion Ataturk Dam in southern Turkey after protests from Turkish contractors originally disqualified from the bid.

Some 20 Turkish firms had protested to the government that qualification for the tender had not been carried out fairly, industry officials said. Last month, seven consortia were shortlisted from a list of 22 to make final tenders for the Ataturk Dam contract, which is part of a \$2 billion hydro-electric and irrigation project near the Syrian border.

A government decree published in the official gazette Thursday said new bids would be considered from companies excluded from the list of seven although it stipulated they should make joint bids. They were given until May 2 to submit their bids.

Egypt cuts oil prices

CAIRO, March 17 (R) — Egypt lowered its oil price Thursday bringing the key Suez blend down by \$2 to \$27 a barrel, the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation announced.

The drop followed the \$5 cut earlier this week by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) whose benchmark price fell to \$39. The \$27 Egyptian rate is for 30 days delivery. For 60 days delivery, the price was set at \$27.25. Egypt, not a member of OPEC, normally keeps its prices below the benchmark level.

Prices of Egypt's lower grade oils also were reduced. The Belayin blend fell from \$27 to \$25.25 a barrel for 60 days delivery and to \$25 for 30 days. Gas Gharib crude was reduced \$3 to \$23 a barrel.

An Egyptian Petroleum Corporation spokesman, Hamad Ayoub, said it was hoped to hold these prices at least until May. Egypt produces about 700,000 barrels of oil a day. Of this, about 200,000 barrels are exported.

With mounting inflation, little profit

Investors preparing to quit Venezuela

CARACAS, March 17 (R) — Venezuela, already preparing to renegotiate some \$15 billion in foreign debt this year, faces a desperate cash shortage as a result of this week's OPEC oil price cut.

Its currency, the bolivar, has lost half its value on the free market in the past two weeks, inflation is expected to double this year and multinational investors, seeing little chance of profit, are preparing to pull out. Despite promised budget economies, bankers and economists say the government has little choice but to turn to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and foreign banks to tide it over at least until 1984.

The 15 percent price cut by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Venezuela is a member, means an estimated loss of about \$3.5 billion in oil export income from the targeted \$16 billion, bringing it below last year's level of imports of \$13 billion.

Venezuela also needs to act quickly to restructure its foreign debt, which totals \$32 billion, to restore the flow of foreign credit and revive business activity that has been paralyzed since exchange controls were introduced two weeks ago, the bankers said. The bolivar was quoted last week at 9.05 to the dollar against the old rate of 4.3, and private businesses have begun large-scale layoffs to cut costs.

Foreign investment in Venezuela is around \$2 billion according to official figures, with the United States accounting for 50 percent. But many multinationals have been hit by the new exchange controls and are preparing to pull out.

China-U.S. firm to make drilling platform

PEKING, March 17 (AFP) — China has signed a contract worth \$20 million with an American company for the building of a semi-submersible drilling platform incorporating advanced technology, the New China News Agency reported Thursday.

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and Baker Marine Corporation (BMC) have set up a joint company called China Nanhai-Baker Drilling Corporation Ltd. which will construct the semi-submersible platform. The same joint firm will manage the renting and use of other drilling platforms in China and abroad.

The new company, with a capital of \$20 million subscribed 50-50 by the two partners, is the largest set up so far between China and a foreign group in this sector, the agency noted. The BMC-1600 semi-submersible platform can drill in 480 meters of water. The

Jiangnan shipyard in Shanghai is to build the platform, which is scheduled to be completed in 1985.

Over the past two years, BMC has shared in the building of two jack-up drilling rigs at the Dalain shipyard in North East China. The new joint company, established for a period of 14 years, will be based at Shenzhen, a special industrial zone in south China adjacent to Hong Kong. The agreement between them provides for an equitable sharing of profits, losses and risks.

Larry Baker, chairman of the BMC board, said: "This venture is going to be a success. We'll have problems but nothing is insurmountable, because I'm comfortable with the people I'm dealing with."

Qin Wencai, general manager of CNOOC said: "China's offshore oil exploration operations will progressively develop beginning in

Inflation, unemployment finally reach Finland

HELSINKI, March 17 (AFP) — Inflation and unemployment, twin evils of the industrial world, have finally reached Finland, which will hold legislative elections next Sunday and Monday.

After a period of soaring economic growth that sparked deep envy amid Finland's Scandinavian neighbors, the effects of the worldwide recession have finally hit the country, bringing a seven percent increase in unemp-

loyment, a 9.3 percent inflation rate and a \$314 million trade deficit last year. While the country had a trade surplus of nearly \$200 million in 1981, wood sales, which represent 40 percent of total exports, dipped five percent last year, mostly due to the recent 16 percent Finnish devaluation.

Meanwhile, trade with the Soviet Union, Finland's major trade partner — accounting for 26.7 percent of Finnish trade — has also been less favorable to Helsinki due to the

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and market diamonds from Zaire as part of its current diversification program in uncut diamonds, the company announced here.

THE HAGUE (AFP) — Unemployment in the Netherlands rose by 2,700 to 778,747 during February, and the unemployment rate is now 16.7 percent, the Social Affairs Ministry announced here Thursday.

PARIS (AFP) — The United States company Harry Winston has won a license to buy

Financial Roundup

Dollar steady, pound listless

By J.H. Hammond

The Thursday markets saw very little activity compared to the fluctuations of the past few days. The dollar managed to hold on against the major currencies on Thursday after another day of weak trading on the Eurodollar money markets. In the overnight New York markets, dollar interest rates remained steady at the 8 15/16-9 1/16 percent for the one month and around the 9 1/2 percent for the one-year tenor. With the Federal Reserve Board still not moving to cut back on its discount rate, the money market's attention was now on the impact of the FED's borrowing requirements on U.S. interest rates. The markets in general continue to take stock after the OPEC price and quantity agreement.

The pound continues to trade listlessly after a no-surprises budget but the British money markets are bracing themselves for another round of base lending rate cuts by the U.K. high street banks to 10 1/2 percent from 11 percent levels. The pound traded at \$1.5065 levels on Thursday down from

\$1.5100 levels on Wednesday. The German mark was steady at 2.3780 levels while the French franc held form at 6.8500 despite some profit-taking. The yen was steady at 237.80 while the Swiss franc rose to 2.0520 levels.

In the bullion markets, gold prices rose to \$425 but continuous profit-taking pushed prices down to \$416 at one stage. Silver fell back to \$10.70 from \$11.05 on Wednesday. Dealers attributed the falls to the dollar's steadiness.

In the local markets the rial deposit rates once again held to a comfortable level of 7 1/4-7 1/2 percent and dealing concentrated in the short dates at 7 percent for the week tenor. Spot rial/dollar rates averaged at 3.4395-03 prices.

The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	414.875
Paris	425.26
Frankfurt	418.00
Zurich	416.25
Hong Kong	419.65

French borrowings increase

PARIS, March 17 (AFP) — France borrowed \$2.1 billion in January and February this year, making it one of the world's big borrowers, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development said here Wednesday.

Only the United States and Japan have borrowed as much. Also on the OECD's list of big borrowers over the same period are Sweden (\$1.8 billion), and reduce and Denmark (\$1.6 billion each).

France borrowed \$1.58 billion in January, followed by only \$520 million in February because, observers said, of the run-up to the March 6/13 municipal elections. Loans usually tail off around election time.

The sources predicted that Paris would soon be stepping up its search for Eurocredit loans to cope with its deteriorating trade figures. Two French banks are expected to be looking for a total of about \$500 million. But Economic Ministry sources said that there

were "no surprises in store — certainly not any repetition of last autumn's spectacular \$4 billion Eurocredit loan."

The biggest borrower on world capital markets last month, according to the OECD statistics, was Denmark (\$1.4 billion), followed by Japan (\$1.3 billion), Canada (\$730 million), France and the United States (\$520 million).

Meanwhile, French industry, which started to struggle when oil prices soared at the end of 1979, continued to battle in 1981, the French research institute Insee said Wednesday.

In its review, Insee said that falling profits and growing financial problems hindered the investments necessary to deal with fiercer international competition. It added that value added by industry grew only nine percent in 1981. The equivalent figure for 1980 was 10.6 percent, itself lower than in 1974.

The Insee report highlighted growing indebtedness on the part of industry from late 1979. The ratio of financial costs in the value-added figure grew from 7.6 percent in 1979 to nine percent in 1980 and 10.8 percent in 1981.

India will save \$480m on oil bills

NEW DELHI, March 17 (AP) — India stands to save nearly \$480 million on its oil import bill this year if the recently announced OPEC price cut holds.

India has contracted to buy 12.7 million metric tons of crude oil and petroleum products this year, or about 92.6 million barrels. Petroleum Ministry spokesman K.C. Kackatwani said Wednesday.

At the old \$34 a barrel base price, it would have cost India \$3.14 billion in badly needed foreign exchange.

In addition, India may buy up to about 2.5 million tons on the spot market, depending on actual domestic production and consumption. That could have added another \$620 million to its import bill at the old price.

The \$5 a barrel OPEC price cut that took effect March 1 should lower the cost of the contracted oil by about \$386 million during the remaining 10 months of the year, and could save India up to \$91 million on its spot market purchases.

EEC endorses jute agreement

BRUSSELS, March 17 (AP) — The European Community Commission endorsed the proposed international jute agreement Thursday and called on member governments to sign it before June 30.

The agreement, negotiated in 1982, would help impoverished jute producing countries find markets for the commodity and regularize prices of supplies for jute importing countries.

The pact would set up an International Jute Council in Dhaka, Bangladesh, to develop and promote the use of jute around the world.

Under terms of the negotiation, the pact comes into force provisionally when three exporting countries, representing 85 percent of the exports and 20 importers, representing 65 percent of the imports, sign the agreement. "It is hoped that the provisional applications can start July 1," the commission said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Thursday		Transfer
Bahrian Dinar	9.25	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.21	14.11
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.82
Canadian Dollar	3.11	2.83
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	144.80
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	130.48
Egyptian Pound	3.11	3.19
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25	94.60
French Franc (100)	50.60	50.32
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.00	41.30
Indian Rupee (100)		34.59
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Dinar	5.80	
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.60	24.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.60
Jordanian Dinar	9.72	9.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.84	11.80
Lebanese Lira (100)	82.50	81.72
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.10	54.28
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80
Philippine Peso (100)		36.35
Pound Sterling	5.23	5.19
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.25	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.26
Sri Lanka (100)	168.70	168.00
Syrian Lira (100)	60.00	61.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar	75.15	75.15
Yemeni Riyal (100)		

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CAPSULED EMOTIONS

You have a boss who is temporarily cross with you because of some serious misdemeanor on your part or one who believes something more than a flair for flattery is needed for you to win a promotion or salary hike. Or you have almost lost your peace of mind and half of the night's sleep because your wife has set her heart on a costly household gadget beyond your means. Don't you worry. All that you have to do is to pop into a chemist's, choose the right kind of pill that will instantly change the feelings of your tormentors and smuggle it into their daily cup of coffee or milk. Then everything will be fine and your life will be all sunshine.

Sounds incredible? Or reads like a page straight out of Isaac Asimov's Foundation trilogy? No, two doctors at the National Institute of Mental Health in America are currently working on such an instant emotion pill and they predict that in a few years' time we will all be taking a bottle which may induce feelings of love, courage, serenity, good humor, calm, contentment and even hope and elation. The doctors, according to a report, have discovered a chemical that causes monkeys, when injected, to shake with fear even though they were in the safe comfort of a laboratory. This has led them to conclude, not prematurely, on hopes, that by swallowing or injecting chemicals other kinds of emotions can also be induced without outside stimulants.

To be sure, there will be many, like Professor John Hughes of the Imperial College of London, who are too skeptical to swallow this theory of human behavior. But we hope that the American doctors will try their level best to remove doubts in their minds by pointing out past attempts in this direction.

In fact, there were reports, some 10 years ago, that one American research group was working on a pill which, if taken by Negroes, will induce them to think they are as happy as their white compatriots. Someone, preferably in the U.S. administration, can take up the thread where this research group has left it and work on some other kinds of pills. For example one pill for Europeans which will persuade them to believe that the deployment of Pershing and Cruise missiles is the best thing that can happen to them and another one to convince the unfortunate victims of aggression that a life under the yoke is the ultimate in human bliss. And a third one to make poor people believe they are really rich and to make rich people more generous. But right now we need an urgent pill to convince us that what has been said so far is true and may one day be realized.

Saudi Arabian press review

The implications of Zionist policy and King Fahd's address at the Holy Qur'an competition were among the topics of comment in the press Thursday.

Al-Riyadh deplored the Zionist policy and expressed the hope that Arab leaders would be fully aware of its dangerous implications. It asked whether Arab pressmen would be able to unmask Israeli designs so that the coming generations would fully understand the dangerous policy.

It called on all parties concerned to follow up and evaluate the enemy's practices and tactics in order to encounter them,

instead of resorting to a passive role.

Al-Bilad reproduced King Fahd's address, read on his behalf by Prince Majed bin Abdulaziz, governor of the Makkah region at the current Holy Qur'an competition. It said the Kingdom was using all its diplomatic and economic resources in the service of Islam and Islamic causes.

Okaz called on Muslims to adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an which it said was the source of all legislation and aimed at establishing a "virtuous community." (SPA)



Peace plans fail to halt Central American tensions

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY — Attempts to end the bloodshed and tension in turbulent Central America are being hampered partly by the fact that there are too many peace plans. "The governments of the region are having problems to agree on which peace plan to discuss," said a Western diplomat. "Though this is only one obstacle on the road to peace, it is a fairly substantial one."

According to Costa Rican Foreign Minister Fernando Volio, there have been 18 different peace plans for Central America since 1980. None had success in defusing the most explosive issues of the troubled region: the civil wars in El Salvador and Guatemala and tension between Nicaragua and Honduras.

Following Pope John Paul's visit to Central America this month, Costa Rica offered yet another peace plan. Honduras announced efforts to convene a foreign ministers' meeting and a gathering of heads of state, Nicaragua said it would hold a continental conference on peace, and El Salvador cold-shouldered a Costa Rican mediation attempt.

At the same time, President Reagan warned about "the advance of communism" in Central

America and asked Congress to agree to vastly increased military aid for El Salvador's U.S.-backed army in its fight against leftist insurgents.

Washington has sponsored a number of unsuccessful peace moves, including a meeting in Costa Rica in October of seven Central American and Caribbean countries plus the United States. Dubbed "Forum for Peace and Democracy," the gathering ended with ringing assertions that free elections were the key to Central America's problems. The forum excluded Nicaragua and Guatemala, saying their governments were not freely elected.

The meeting was widely seen as a United States effort to forge an alliance against Nicaragua, whose leftist rulers have been chief targets of U.S. hostility. Diplomatic analysts said the Costa Rica forum was meant as an alternative to a joint Mexican-Venezuelan proposal which embraced Nicaragua as a crucial element in any genuine peace moves and urged direct talks between El Salvador's U.S.-backed government and its left-wing guerrilla enemies.

Important elements of the Mexican-Venezuelan proposal have now been adopted by Costa Rica after Foreign Minister Volio said his government was trying to work out a new plan incorporating the

best elements of previous initiatives.

Volio explained that Costa Rica had invited the foreign ministers of El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala to talk peace and prospects were good that they would all accept. The proposal drew a muted welcome from President Reagan, who took the opportunity to launch another attack on the Nicaraguan leadership and what he termed its lack of respect for freedom.

Just three days after Costa Rica announced efforts for a plan to end all plans, Nicaragua said it had invited 22 organizations from Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa to a "continental conference for peace and sovereignty." Two days later, Honduras said it was preparing a meeting of Latin American foreign ministers to discuss peace in Central America. Government sources added there were parallel efforts to draw a few presidents to Honduras. Progress in promoting peace has so far been hindered by disagreement over the causes of Central America's conflicts.

The United States and its allies in Central America — El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica — say that violence and war are rooted in Cuban and Soviet attempts to spread left-wing revolution from Nicaragua to the rest of the region. Leftists and liberals throughout Latin America

blame social injustice and economic inequality. They accuse the United States of interfering in Central American affairs and say Washington views the area solely in the context of the East-West struggle.

This perception of Central America's complex problems has brought Washington into sharp conflict with Mexico, a country many diplomatic analysts see as particularly well-suited to play an active role in peace moves because of its cordial ties with Nicaragua and leftist organizations. The Mexicans reacted angrily to President Reagan's assertion on March 10 that El Salvador's violence, left unchecked, would spread to Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica and create a threat "to Panama, the canal, and ultimately Mexico."

At the meeting of nonaligned states in New Delhi, Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda promptly condemned "a simplistic approach to international realities... (which) would have us believe that revolution in Central America would automatically spread to other countries in the region."

He added: "The current crisis in the area is tied to backwardness, misery, secular exploitation — not, as some claim, to an ideological East-West confrontation." (R)

New study absolves Emperor Hirohito of war decision

By John Roderick

TOKYO — A new study says available evidence indicates that Emperor Hirohito "certainly was not the mastermind" behind Japan's decision to go to war with the United States and Great Britain in 1941.

"His upbringing, training and temperament all conditioned him to accept the guidance of his advisers, not initiate any policy, domestic or foreign," writes Mikiso Hane, professor of history at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, in the United States. In fact, he continues, the emperor, then 40, favored settlement of Japanese-American differences through diplomatic negotiations, "even though his reasons may have been based on fear of losing the war rather than on the desire to avoid bloodshed."

Hane has written a detailed look at Japan's march to war, accompanying his translation of the 1933-36 diaries of Gen. Shigeru Honjo, then the emperor's chief aide-de-camp. "It could be argued, perhaps, that even though he wished to avoid a military confrontation, he failed to assert his authority sufficiently to avert such a conflict," Hane says.

That he did not do so was the fault of his personality which was at times "excessively cautious, even timid" and his belief that he was barred by the constitution from making a decision unless specially asked to do so.

But when it came time to take a strong stand, such as the suppression of an officer's revolt in 1936 and ending the war in 1945, "he was fully capable of doing so."

Hirohito, now 81 and stripped of all but symbolic power under Japan's postwar constitution, is his nation's longest reigning monarch and the last of the major actors in the drama of World War II. The part he played in it remains even now a controversial subject, some historians saying he actively encouraged the militarists of the time and others — a majority — insisting he was powerless to halt them.

Hane says the Honjo diaries show he was not "a mindless puppet" but had strong convictions of his own. He may have been irresolute, but he was intelligent, well-read and fully aware of the events of the day. Gen. Honjo served in a number of high posts, including that of commanding general of the Kwantung Army in Manchuria, during the fateful 1930s when Japan's militarists slowly, but steadily, edged toward war with China and the West. His forces overthrew those of Hsueh-Luang, the young warlord of Manchuria, paving the way for creation of the puppet state of Manchukuo.

Labeled a war criminal by the allied powers in 1945, he committed suicide. Hane's English translation of the diaries, published in Japanese in 1967, was issued recently by the University of Tokyo press.

Hane says the diaries show that "his political leanings were liberal, and by temperament he was a moderate." His other advisers later complained that he lacked sympathy with the extreme rightists, and said he was in conflict with the army because of his "extremely liberal ideas."

During the 1930s, Hirohito, then in his thirties, "disapproved of anyone who was in sympathy with fascism" and did not favor an alliance with Germany and Italy, Hane says. "The entries in the Honjo diary reveal the emperor's desire for international cooperation and his wish to maintain good relations with Great Britain and the United States, especially the former," Hane observed. His sentiments remained unchanged up to the outbreak of the war and annoyed Prime Minister Hideki Tojo. Opposed to expansionism and chauvinism, the emperor criticized the Manchurian army for ignoring his commands when he was "striving to preserve world peace." He told one of his secretaries, Okamoto Aisuke, "this causes me no end of anguish... When I think of all these problems, I cannot sleep at night."

Eager to avoid war, the emperor proposed a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union as early as 1934. In a diary entry for Feb. 2, he is quoted as saying "Russia must not be rejected simply because its ideology is unacceptable to us. Would it not be best to adopt a liberal policy and deal with Russia in a just and honorable fashion, thus preventing it

from harboring hostile designs on Japan?"

If Russia attacked unjustly, Japan must be prepared to respond decisively, he continued, "but if we remain needlessly suspicious and apprehensive, would it not cause an outbreak of tragic incidents?"

Honjo acknowledged the argument but said the military was "extremely sensitive" about Soviet communism because it sought to stir up the laborers and proletariats of other countries.

A humane man dedicated to his marine biology studies, Hirohito seldom quarreled with his subordinates, and abhorred the killing of animals. "What a pitiful sight!" he exclaimed when he was presented a pair of red-headed cranes by a general who had shot them. He refused to eat them. When, on the same day, he was given a live carp, he released it to the imperial ponds.

Hane says one of his weaknesses was that he failed to understand the extent of the poverty of the pre-war peasants. Historians say their misery led to radicalism in the army and the adventures that led to the Pacific War. He thought that in their own way they led happy lives, and "should think about the pleasures of nature and not dwell on the unpleasant aspects of their lives."

Hane says this attitude sprang from his isolation from the common people. (AP)

Hawke's wage pause plan angers unions

By Lindsay Murdoch

MELBOURNE — Labor leader Bob Hawke, sworn in as Australia's prime minister last week, has run into trouble with the trade unions after only a few days in office.

Hawke, who promised in his election campaign to bring unions and employers together to beat the recession, angered the unions with a statement Friday that the national wage "pause" may need to be extended until the end of the year. It was due to end in July after six months. Even before Hawke had selected his cabinet, three of the country's biggest unions had given notice that they would push for a general wage rise in June.

Hawke, a former president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, was dealt an additional blow when the Builders' Laborers' Federation stepped up its industrial campaign for a 36-hour week and a \$A40-a-week pay rise. Stung by the unions' immediate push, Hawke last week sent invitations to government, business and union leaders to attend an economic summit on April 11. That

coincided with an announcement by the Bureau of Statistics that a record 10.7 percent of the workforce was unemployed.

After coming to power in a landslide victory, the new prime minister had a hectic first week, devaluing the dollar, announcing a review of all the previous Liberal-National coalition government's programs and beginning the task of honoring his pledge to obtain wage restraint by agreement.

Hawke's 27-member government is dominated by center and right factions of the Labor Party. Only one member of the Left won a ministry position.

Meanwhile, the Liberal Party has chosen as its new leader Andrew Peacock, an attractive and popular public performer, in a bid to match the "star quality" of Hawke. With the party in tatters after the election defeat, Peacock's leadership is critical. Liberals (in Australia the word means conservative) always deal cruelly and quickly with losers

and there was little thought of ex-Premier Malcolm Fraser when the vote was taken. Fraser declined even to vote in the leadership ballot.

He has accepted responsibility for the election defeat, which gave Labor the largest majority it has had in parliament since the federation was created, and is expected to retire from parliament soon.

He and Peacock, 44, have long been rivals. In 1980, Peacock threatened to resign from the government because Fraser wanted to continue recognizing the regime led by Pol Pot as the official government of Kampuchea. After the 1980 election, Peacock demanded a change from the foreign affairs portfolio which he had held, and Fraser gave him industrial relations.

Within five months, relations between the two men had become so sour that Peacock resigned from the cabinet, declaring that Fraser was determined to get his own way. Last April, Peacock formally challenged Fraser for the leadership but was beaten 27 votes to 54. (LOS)

Advice to Palestinian youths

Sir,
No words can be too strong to condemn Israel's resort to stringent laws in the occupied areas to punish Palestinian students fighting to recover their usurped lands. At the same time I have some advice to offer to the young sons of Palestine.

At present, the Palestinian youths are exposing themselves to grave danger, rather extermination, as the enemy is heavily armed by a superpower with all lethal weapons. And the enemy is apathetic to your feelings and is out to finish you.

My advice in this situation is that let the issue be handled by Arab and Islamic elders. The youngsters should save their energies and develop capabilities for giving the Zionist enemy a tougher fight at a more opportune time.

Agghar Abbas
Jeddah

The murderers

Sir,
Klaus Barbie was only an ordinary policeman with extraordinary powers. Till this very day, as Barbie rightfully argues, a multitude of superpower-kept juntas, "democratic Israel" not excluded, are still resorting to indiscriminate mass murders to preserve their power and privileges.

Ironically, Barbie's arrest became possible not only because of his criminal record but primarily due to the convenient fact that the jurisdiction of the Third Reich is no longer there to protect him.

Should the Israeli jurisdiction expire in a similar fashion, Begin, Sharon and their likes may well end up in the dock right next to Herr Barbie.

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Islamic inheritance law

Sir,
This is with reference to the questions and answers

published in your issue of Feb. 25 relating to inheritance share of grandchildren if their father predeceases the grandfather. While you have indicated the position in accordance with one school of thought, may I suggest for your elaboration that the apparent lack of provision for a share for grandchildren in the estate of the grandfather is actually a blessing to them. Because if the grandchildren were to wait till the death of the grandfather for getting their share, they may not have any other resources to carry on particularly when in most such situations the grandchildren would be minors. What they therefore need really is some provision from the grandfather straightaway for their day to day living and it is here the *sharia* provisions become a blessing for a God-fearing grandfather is duty bound to "gift" away as much as is appropriate and a little more for his grandchildren without waiting for the "compulsory will" or some other mechanism to operate on his death.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 18, the 77th day of 1983. There are 288 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1554 — England's Princess Elizabeth is sent to Tower of London for suspected complicity in Sir Thomas Wyatt's rebellion.

1584 — Feodore, last of the Rurik dynasty, succeeds as Czar of Russia on death of Ivan the Terrible.

1813 — Hamburg is occupied by Russians following patriotic outbreak in that German city against French.

1913 — Greece's King George I is assassinated in Salonika.

1922 — Mahatma Gandhi is sentenced to six years imprisonment in India for civil disobedience.

1937 — Gas explosion in school in New London, Texas, takes lives of more than 400 persons, most of them children.

1959 — Hawaii becomes 50th U.S. state.

1962 — Ceasefire in Algerian war is signed by French and Algerian rebel delegations in Evian-les-Bains, France.

1965 — Egypt's exiled King Farouk dies in Rome. Soviet air force officer becomes first man to leave orbiting spacecraft and float in space.

1970 — Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk is deposed as chief of state while he is on a visit to Moscow. Twenty persons are killed as mobs enforce strike called by Marxists in India's state of West Bengal.

1973 — Cambodia's President Lon Nol orders stern measures under state of emergency declared after bombing of presidential palace in Phnom Penh.

1978 — United States asks U.N. Security Council to call for immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from South Lebanon.

1982 — Four members of Dutch television crew are killed in rural area of El Salvador when guerrillas they are filming open fire on army patrol.

Thought for today:

"He who calls to the right guidance, has the same reward as those who follow him. It will not be made less than their rewards. And he who calls to wrong, burdens himself with the same sin as the sins of those who follow him. It will not be made less than their sins." — Prophet Muhammad.

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

To Aad We sent their brother, Houd. He said: "My people! Worship Allah alone; you have no god other than Him. You are indeed inventors of falsehood. No reward do I ask of you, my people, for this (message). My reward rests with Him who brought me into being. Have you then no sense? My people! Seek forgiveness of your Lord, and then turn to Him in repentance. He will cause the sky to rain abundance on you, and will add strength to your strength. Do not turn away (from Him) as guilty criminals."

(Houd: 11; 50-52)

Blessings and fear of Allah

A full cycle has turned, and ignorance was back in full sway.

Successive generations of mankind, their number known only to Allah, must have lived and passed away, having been guided by true submission to Allah. This means that they lived according to Islam, which was the faith of their parents, Adam and Eve. They remained so until Satan was able to move them away from the straight path, which, in turn, gave rise to the kind of ignorance which Noah had faced. Noah (Peace be on Him), however, was saved with his followers by Allah. The rest of mankind were destroyed in the floods, in fulfillment of Noah's prayers. Again, numerous generations, known only to Allah, adopted as the basis of their social order the principle of submission to Allah, which is the meaning of Islam. They continued to do so until Satan was able again to cause them to stray. The peoples of Aad and Thamoud belonged to ignorance.

Aad was a tribe living at Al-Ahqaf, or the sand dunes, in the south of the Arabian peninsula. Thamoud was another tribe living in the townships of Al-Hijr somewhere between Madinah and Tabuk in North Arabia. Both tribes were extremely powerful and affluent. Both also deviated from the right path and chose idol worship in preference to the worship of Allah alone. They accused Allah's messengers of fabricating lies. Hence, their histories are full of lessons for the believers.

Houd belonged to the tribe of Aad. He is, then, their brother, united with them by the blood relationship which binds together all tribesmen. This tie is emphasized here because it should generate confidence, compassion and honest counsel among brethren. Hence, the attitude adopted by the people toward their brother and Prophet seems even more odd and repugnant. The parting of the ways at the end between the people of Aad and their

brother comes about because of the ideological conflict. Thus the concept of the invalidity of all ties when the tie of faith is non-existent is strongly emphasized. This bond of faith is thus given prominence in Islamic society, making it absolutely clear the nature of Islamic faith and its line of action.

Houd starts his call when he and his people belong to the same community, united together by the ties of family, clan, tribe and land. They end up, however, as two different nations: One submissive to Allah and another worshipping other gods beside Him. The two are at variance with each other. Allah's promise to give victory to the believers and to destroy the unbelievers comes to pass only when the parting of the ways takes place and the two sides are clearly distinguished from each other. The Prophet and those who believe in Allah with him dissociate themselves from their people and consider all their former ties with them as invalid. They no longer have any loyalty to their former people and former leadership. They are loyal only to Allah, their Lord and to their Muslim leadership had called on them to submit themselves to Allah alone. Only at this moment of the parting of the ways they are given victory.

"To Aad We sent their brother Houd." In the same way as Noah was previously sent to his people, He said: "My people!" His appeal is friendly, reminding them of the ties that unite them together so that they may have confidence in what he says. He would not have cheated his own people.

Worship Allah alone; you have no god other than Him." The very same words with which every messenger addressed his people. Deviation had certainly taken place after the believers with Noah disembarked from the ark. Perhaps the first deviant step was an attempt to glorify the small group of believers who were saved in the ark with

Noah. This glorification might have increased gradually by successive generation until their holy spirits were represented in trees and stones which had some sort of beneficial qualities. With the passage of time these stones and trees became idols which were worshipped and served by clergymen who made people submit themselves to the will of other people in the name of these claimed idols. This is only one of the numerous forms of ignorance which may possess human communities. We have to remember that any deviation, even by one step, from the line of the absolute unity of Allah and total submission to Him will inevitably be followed by further steps which take mankind far away from the right path.

In any case, Houd's people were idolaters who did not submit themselves to Allah alone. His messenger, therefore, made the same address to them as every messenger addressed his people: "My people! Worship Allah alone; you have no god other than Him. You are indeed inventors of falsehood." False inventions are those idols you worship alongside Allah.

Noah then hastens to make it clear to his people that he is giving them honest and sincere counsel, for no ulterior motives and that he seeks no reward of any kind from them. He expects his reward from Allah who has brought him into existence. Houd's statement "No reward do I ask of you" suggests that he was implicitly or explicitly accused that he had personal interest which he tried to serve by making his call. Hence his comment: "Have you then no sense?" It is indeed singular that people should imagine that a messenger from Allah may seek personal gains from human beings, when Allah, who has sent him, is the one who provides all people with their sustenance.

Houd then directs them to seek Allah's forgiveness and to turn to Him in repentance. The *surah* here repeats the same words stated at its opening as quoted from Muhammad, the last messenger. Houd indeed gave his people the same promise and the same warning as did Muhammad thousands of years later. To seek Allah's forgiveness and to repent of one's sins opens a new page and sets one on a new road where good intentions are translated into good deeds. Their reward, then, will be abundant. They will have the rain they need for their farms and animals. They will prosper and have bumper harvests as a result of the rain which will be coming in abundance. Their strength for which they

were renowned will certainly increase. The only thing which may withhold all this is their own attitude if they choose to commit the crimes of turning away from Allah and accusing His messenger of inventing fabrications: "My people! Seek forgiveness of your Lord, and then turn to Him in repentance. He will cause the sky to rain abundance on you, and will add strength to your strength. Do not turn away (from Him) as guilty criminals."

Reflecting on Houd's promise, we note that it relates to rain and strength. How can these depend on seeking Allah's forgiveness and repenting of one's sins, when they operate according to the natural laws at work in the universe?

As far as the increase in strength is concerned the explanation is easy. Cleanliness of people's hearts and their commitment to good action will inevitably add to the strength of those who repent of their sins. They enjoy better health because they eat in moderation and their diet is free from harmful things. Their consciences are relaxed, they have no tension; they have confidence in Allah and His mercy. Their social life is also healthier because they implement Allah's law which ensures for man his freedom and dignity. They maintain their equality in front of Allah. Besides, faith taps the resources of all people to contribute to man's task of building the earth, without any diversion of blowing up the images of false gods.

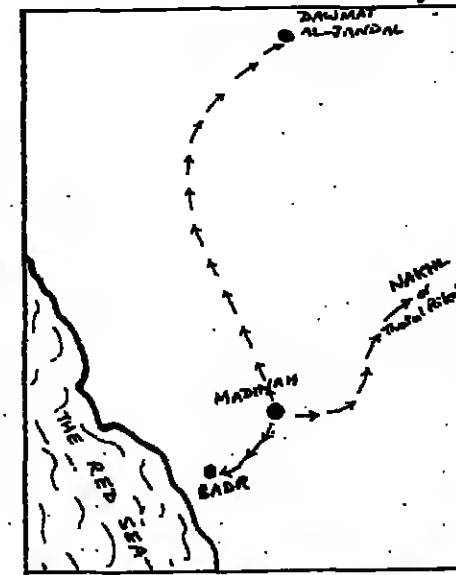
People who do not implement Allah's laws in their lives may be powerful, but their power is only temporary. It will eventually collapse, according to Allah's laws, because it is not based on solid foundation. Such power is derived from only one side of natural laws, such as hard work, discipline and a high standard of production. But these do not last. The fact that the social order and the spiritual side of life are not well founded will bring about their collapse.

Rain, on the other hand, seems to occur according to natural phenomena. This, however, does not preclude that rain may be beneficial in a certain time and place while it is harmful and destructive in another time and another place. Allah may decide to give life through rain to a certain people, or make rain the undoing of another people. He may, if He chooses, fulfill His promise as well as His threats through the manipulation of natural phenomena. After all, He is the creator of these phenomena, and the creator of both cause and effect. His will remains free and absolute to do whatever He likes, however He chooses.

Life of the Prophet - 102

More military activity, victories without fighting

By Adil Salahi



The Prophet's military activities after Uhud

The Muslims returned from Badr, having completed a successful expedition and gained financially in the market there. Once again, they demonstrated that they feared no one in Arabia. Shortly after their return to Madinah the Prophet married Umm Salamah whose name was Hind. The title Umm Salamah was given her according to the traditions of Arabia which are still valid in many Arab countries. The word "Umm" means mother and Salamah was the name of her eldest son. To call any person, man or woman, by the fact of their parenthood of their eldest son is a sign of respect. Umm Salamah was better known by her title to the extent that few books record her original name.

Apparently, Umm Salamah was either middle aged or elderly. This is evident from the fact that her own son, Salamah, acted for her when the marriage contract was made. She, however, was good looking and belonged to a distinguished family. Her husband, Abu Salamah, was one of the first companions of the Prophet to emigrate with his wife both to Abyssinia and then to Madinah. He was certainly a good soldier of Islam and a good military commander. He received a wound in the battle of Uhud when he remained steadfast with the Prophet when others of his companions were overtaken by confusion. Although his wound healed and he was well enough to be the commander of another expedition (where he fought against the tribe of Asad) his injury recurred and he died as a result.

When the Prophet sent someone over a year later to propose to her on his behalf she was overjoyed. To be married to the Prophet was an honor no Muslim woman would hesitate to accept. Yet she was worried lest she should not be able to fulfill her duties as the wife of Allah's messenger. After all, she was no longer young; she had children, some of them were still young; and the Prophet had other wives. She, therefore, sent a kind apology saying: "I cannot help my jealousy, I am old and burdened with young dependents."

The Prophet, however, answered: "If you are old, I am older than you. Allah will relieve you of your jealousy. You may assign your dependents to Allah and His messenger."

Umm Salamah was either the third or the fourth wife of the Prophet in Madinah. He was already married to Sawdah, who was an elderly woman, Aisha, who was in the prime of her youth and possibly Hafsa who was of mature age.

The fact that Quraish did not wish to engage the Muslims in a new battle meant that the initiative was now completely in their hands. The Prophet was keen that the Muslim state in Madinah should not be considered by any prospective enemy as an easy prey. His informers brought him intelligence that the Arab tribes in the area of Dawmat al-Jandal, in the north of Arabia and close to Palestine and Syria, have been attacking trade caravans and threatening all travelers. Their exploits had convinced them that they were too powerful for anyone, to the extent that they did contemplate attacking Madinah. Moreover, he was told that a large force had been raised to launch such an attack.

The Prophet, therefore, raised a force of one thousand men of his companions and marched with them northward. They marched at night and encamped during the day so that they can take their enemy by surprise. It was a long journey, lasting fifteen nights to cover the distance. An expert guide was employed to show them the way. The Muslims were indeed able to take their enemies by surprise and swept through their encampments. Thus, the forces which were

raised to attack Madinah were left with no choice but to flee. They went in every direction leaving their cattle which the Muslims gained.

The Muslims encamped there for several days during which the Prophet sent a number of chasing squads to make sure that the enemy was not regrouping. No one, however, was willing to fight the Muslims who went back to Madinah after they had established their authority in the northern area as well. This expedition took place in the third month of the fifth year of the Prophet's emigration to Madinah.

The expedition to Dawmat al-Jandal was significant in more ways than one. First of all it complements the earlier military activity which the Muslims had undertaken when they sent their forces eastwards, to Najd, in the heart of Arabia, before going south to meet Quraish at Badr, a meeting which did not take place because the other party did not turn up. Now, this expedition northward confirmed the authority of the Muslims in all areas surrounding Madinah. No one would now contemplate that a quick raid on Madinah would meet with any success. After all, everyone realized that the internal position of the Muslims in Madinah was so much stronger after the evacuation of the Jewish tribe of Al-Nadheer. Hence, the principal enemies of the Muslims, Quraish and the Jews evacuated from Madinah, realized that unless an alliance which brought together all forces hostile to Islam could be forged they had no hope of causing even a dent in the solid structure of the Muslim state.

Another factor which made this expedition necessary was the fact that the Prophet realized that another source of danger, maybe not in the very short term, was the Roman Empire. All areas, north to Arabia, from Palestine and beyond, belonged to the Roman Empire which ruled over Syria and as far east as the borders of present day Iraq. The Arabian tribes in the north of the Arabian peninsula feared no authority more than the Romans. The Roman emperor, on the other hand, did not even think it possible that anything could happen in Arabia which may cause him any worry. It was necessary, therefore, to plant the fear of the Muslim state in the hearts of the Arabian tribes which lived in the north, so that they would realize that their best hope was to be at peace with the Muslim state. This would help in the longer term, when the Muslims would have to engage the Romans in battle because it would restrain these Arabian tribes from attacking the Muslim army from behind. They would also hesitate before giving any aid to the Romans against the Muslims.

The expedition to Dawmat al-Jandal was also important in that it gave the Muslims a foretaste of what they might expect in case they had to face the Romans in a battle. The expedition gave them the necessary experience in going through the long desert route from Madinah to northern Arabia and prepared them for taking this journey again if that would prove to be necessary.

We have thus given an account of four major events in which the Muslims were involved without actually having to fight. In each of these events a bloody encounter might have taken place. In none of them blood was shed. Yet, they all tended to enhance the reputation of the Muslims, boost their morale and cause their enemies to be even more fearful of them. There can be only one explanation for all this: Allah was watching over this young Muslim state and helping it through its difficulties when the Muslims demonstrated that they valued nothing as more important than the triumph of Islam.

Yet these events, significant as they were, and enhancing the reputation of the Muslims as a fighting force as they did, did not mean that the battle for Islam was anywhere near completion. The Muslim state in Madinah was still in its early days, with its different and numerous enemies still taking the initiative to raise forces and attack it. The Prophet's tactics of attacking any would-be aggressors before they had time to mobilize fully was highly successful in saving the Muslim state from several situations where it could have suffered a great deal of harm. Indeed, throughout this stage, the Muslim state was on the defensive. All the attacks the Muslims launched were, in essence, counterattacks. The power of their enemies was, however, being gradually eroded and a major rethinking and reconsideration of tactics was soon to be conducted by the enemies of Islam who were always on the watch for an opening which might give them the hoped-for breakthrough in their fight against Islam.

(To be continued next Friday)

The revealed books before Qur'an and distortions

By Adil Salahi

The need for divine revelations is derived, in the Islamic sense, from the fact that man, as Allah's chosen creature, has been entrusted with the task of building the earth. Since man cannot, on his own, know all the elements and forces that affect his life on earth, and since his mind as well as his knowledge have been confined to the limits which he needs in order to fulfill his task, he needs to be guided on how to discharge his responsibility. He needs to be told which things are useful to him and which are not. It should be pointed out to him which practices to adopt and which to leave off. Unless he receives such guidance, he can rightly complain that he has not been well equipped for his task.

It is not in Allah's nature to assign tasks to His creatures without equipping them fully for their assignments. Man and his task are no exceptions. Prophets and revelations must be viewed in this context. Allah has sent successive prophets and messengers to guide man along the road which enables him to realize the purpose of his existence. He gave these prophets and messengers divine revelations which contained His guidance. Having done that, He left no excuse for anyone who wished to go astray. Those who stray do so at their own peril. They do not only suffer the consequences of their own errors when they choose the wrong way, but they also risk Allah's punishment in the hereafter. Indeed, His punishment is most severe to those who deliberately violate His law and go against His guidance.

In the Qur'an, Allah tells us the names of twenty-five of His messengers and prophets. He also says that there were others about whom He has chosen not to tell us. Obviously, their history is of no relevance to our fulfillment of the task He has assigned to us. Otherwise, He would have told us about them. Of those who are mentioned in the Qur'an some accounts are given which are by way of length and detail. It is abundantly clear, however, from these accounts that all the prophets preached the same faith.

All called on people to believe in the oneness of Allah and in the day of judgment. At no time did Allah send a prophet or a messenger with a message which did not have this basic belief in the oneness of Allah as its central concept. Indeed, it cannot be visualized that Allah would accept from any community any faith which contradicts this basic principle.

Differences between these messages were confined to detailed legislations. These differences were made necessary by the degree of development man has achieved every time a new message was given. The messages were contained in divine revelations which were vouchsafed to different prophets. Some prophets did receive revelations contained in books.

Of the books revealed to earlier prophets, the Qur'an makes a specific mention of the Torah, or the Old Testament, the Bible, or the New Testament, the Psalms which were revealed to Prophet David as well as the Scriptures given to Abraham. It goes without saying that the Qur'an is the last of the divine books to be revealed, and as such, contains the final message from Allah to man. To believe in all these books and revelations is an essential requirement of every Muslim, if he wants to follow the example of our Prophet, Muhammad (Peace be on Him). If one does not believe in all these books then his faith, as a Muslim, is deficient. In order to be a true Muslim, any person must believe "in Allah, His Angels, books, messengers, the day of judgment as well as predestination." We will devote our present discussion to the belief in the divine books and scriptures.

Allah tells us in the Qur'an that the Torah, or the Old Testament, revealed to Moses, contains guidance which enlightens peoples' hearts, and He praises it in the following terms: We have certainly given Moses and Aaron the criterion (to distinguish between right and wrong) and a light and an admonition for the godfearing. (21: 48) It is, however, commonly agreed that the Torah which was revealed to Moses (Peace be on Him) is no longer in existence. The one which we

have today has been written by several writers in different times. It has been subject to distortion. The late scholar, Muhammad Fareed Wajdi says: "One tangible evidence of such distortion is the fact that the version of the Torah recognized by the Christians is different from its version recognized by the Jews." The Qur'an states that such distortion has taken place and puts the blame on the Jews for distorting the word of Allah: Do you, then, hope that they (referring to the Jews) will accept your message when some of them used to listen to the word of Allah then, having well understood it, they used to pervert it wittingly? Hence, only a portion of the Torah, as revealed by Allah, remains today in the hands of the Jews.

Perhaps the most important evidence of the distortion that has crept into the Torah is the fact that it speaks of Allah in impudent terms which are totally lacking in respect and propriety. Thus, we read in Genesis that the Lord was sad and felt sorry that He has made man. It cannot be said of Allah that He was sad or that He regretted doing something. How can that be, when He knows everything long before its occurrence.

Another example of this distortion is the accusations that are made against different prophets. Thus we read that Abraham was guilty of lying. Lot committed incest with his two daughters. Aaron called on the Israelites to worship the calf. David committed adultery and Solomon worshipped idols in order to please his wife. All these accusations are false fabrications which must be utterly dismissed by every Muslim without a moment's hesitation. All prophets were people of great integrity, observed the highest standard of moral conduct and set a fine example for their followers in the correct observance of Allah's laws.

The revelations vouchsafed to Jesus (Peace be on Him), contained in the Bible, is again the word of Allah, given as guidance to mankind. It has been, however, subject to distortion as well. What we have today of the Bible is the four gospels which were selected to be

the standard gospels. There were some seventy gospels at the time when the choice was made. These gospels, however, are more or less biographies of Jesus (Peace be on Him). They carried the names of their authors. Christians themselves admit that their faith upholds the views of St. Paul to the exclusion of those of Jesus' disciples.

The Qur'an is, as said earlier, Allah's final book revealed to man. It contains the total sum of Allah's commandments and endorses the basic principles contained in earlier revelations, such as the Old and New Testaments. It states in its original and true form the fundamentals of true faith which is acceptable to Allah, confirming all that is true in earlier revelations and outlining the distortion that has crept into them.

Allah has guaranteed the preservation of the Qur'an intact, in its original and only form, for the rest of time. Thus, the Qur'an remains forever the source of divine guidance which points out to man the way to earn the pleasure of Allah and to be admitted into heaven on the day of judgment.

It cannot be envisaged that science will ever establish any fact which contradicts the Qur'an. The universe is created by Allah and the Qur'an is His word. Allah's word and work can never be at variance.

Since Allah wants His word to spread and to be well understood by people, studied and memorized by His servants, He has made the Qur'an easy to understand, implement and remember. We, therefore, find that a large number of Muslim men, women and children memorize it from cover to cover without great difficulty. Indeed, this is not confined to Arabs, who speak the language of the Qur'an; we find people who memorize the whole of the Qur'an among all nationalities, while they cannot speak a sentence of Arabic.

Finally, since the Qur'an is the last divine message, and since it has been guaranteed by Allah to be preserved intact, it is our only source of guidance for the fulfillment of our task as heirs of the earth who are charged with building it.

OUR DIALOGUE

Redress for divorced women

I have witnessed pathetic cases of women abandoned by their husbands after pronouncing the word of divorce, for no apparent reason. What remedies for redress are open to such women and what injunctions in law exist to curb blatant misuse of this privilege by them? The majority of women in our community, especially the poorer sections, unfortunately are not equipped with either any specialized education or any commercial skills to live on their own after divorce, and as it is mostly such women who become victims of this abuse, I would be grateful if you can elaborate this in full detail, particularly the injunctions referred to above.

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All laws may be abused. Islamic laws are no different. One basic difference, however, between Islamic law and man-made laws is that no violation of Islamic law will go unpunished. Anyone guilty of abuse of Islamic law will face the consequences of his actions on the Day of Judgment, if he escapes punishment in this life. An important principle of Islam is that Allah forgives only such sins which violate His own rights. Any actions which is a transgression on other people's

rights is not forgiven unless the aggrieved party has willingly pardoned the offender.

Having said that, I must emphasize that farther away from Islam a certain community moves, more the cases of violation of Islamic law and the greater the suffering that results from such violations because the aggrieved party does not find the remedy which it would have otherwise found in Islamic society. The example you cite is just one case of such increased and unremedied suffering. Yet, Islam must not be expected to provide answers for situations which are not under its control. In Islamic society divorced women are well looked after by their relatives or by the state. If people abuse Islamic law in a community which does not conduct its affairs under Islamic law, then Islam cannot be expected to remedy such situations. There is, however, partial remedy, if the relatives of the divorced woman are good Muslims. In this case, they know that they have to look after her. This is not done as an act of kindness toward her, but she is entitled to be looked after.

We must not look at divorce as a privilege given by Islam to man. Divorce is a solution for a social problem. If a man is not happy with his wife or if their married life is beset with problems due to temperamental incompatibility, then separation seems to be the answer which gives both of them a chance to

start life anew with a different partner. Divorce must be viewed in these terms. It is not a privilege given to man in order to get rid of a wife whom he does not like. Indeed, Allah considers both man and wife equal. Each has rights and duties and each must fulfill his duties to the other.

Under Islam, a woman is entitled to stay in

EVENTS OF ISLAMIC HISTORY 21 A.H.
— The year began on Monday, Dec. 10, 641 C.E.
— Amir Ibn al Aas reconquered the city of Iskandariya in the beginning of the year.
— The last Roman ruler left Iskandariya by sea to Constantinople on 16th Shawwal marking the end of Roman rule in Egypt.
— Uqba bin Nafi conquered Zawalla in northern Egypt.

— Under Caliph Umar's order to plan new cities for Muslim capitals, Kufa and Basra were built at strategic positions in Iraq.
— The Western command designed the new city of Fustat (near Cairo) with a mosque in the center — the first mosque on African continent.
— Nu'man bin Muqrin advanced to Nahavand in Iran and conquered it after a tough battle in which he died a martyr.
— Abdullah bin Aflah conquered Hama-

her husband's home during her waiting period, when she is entitled to be supported. Afterward she is entitled to maintenance for herself for a year and maintenance for her children as long as they are in her custody. Her father or brothers should also support her afterward if she cannot earn her own living.

— Abu Hashim bin Uthba conquered Antakiya and Maltiya in the north.
— Mujahid bin Sabir, the renowned Qari and Abrahim bin Abd Rahman al Najjariya, the famous lady scholar of Hadith were born.

— Al-Ula bin Hadrami, the Prophet's ambassador to Bahrain, expired. He was succeeded by Abu Hurairah.
— The great Muslim general, Khalid bin Walid, called as "Sword of Allah", expired at Homs in Shamm (Syria). He was a bitter enemy of Islam in the battle of Uhud but after embracing it in 97 A.H. became its great champion and won many resounding victories for Islam.

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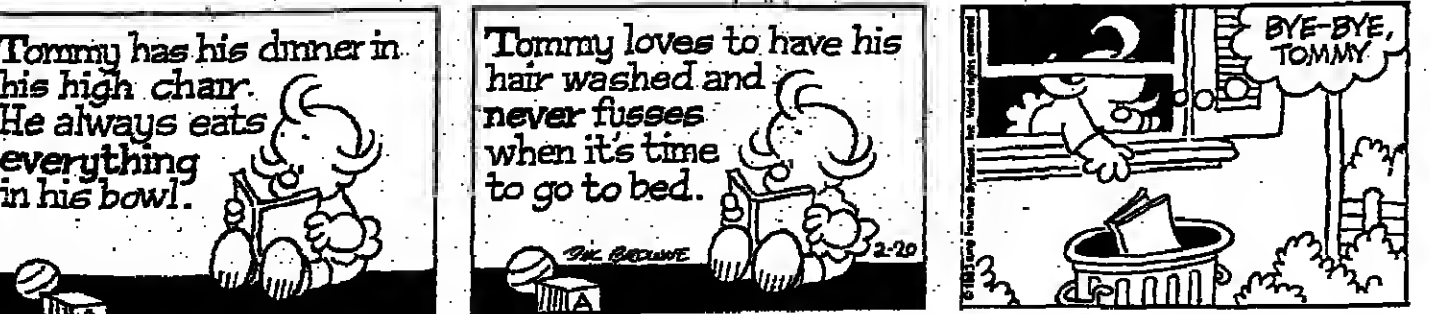
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1983

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Someone who doesn't appeal to you may be romantically attracted to you. Private money chaps go well. Enjoy cultural pursuits.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

On-the-job romantic attractions aren't favored. Meet with friends of like interests for stimulating intellectual times. Help someone in need.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Be careful not to arouse another's jealousy. You'll have good insights about a career matter. Delicacy of feeling is needed.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

An unusual career opportunity could arise now. The artistically inclined enjoy success. You'll see eye-to-eye with a friend.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

An off-color remark could upset the sensitive among you. You're impressionable in love and may be drawn to an unusual type of person.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Power plays affect your financial dealings with others. A relative needs a kind word from you. Loved ones respond to your ideas.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Morning differences with a loved one will be resolved. Refrain from being critical. Tap that part of you that really cares.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Some subconscious tension exists between you and a loved one. A heart-to-heart talk, though, clears the air.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You're in a romantic mood, but you shouldn't let others impose on you. Stay clear of those who take more than they give.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A vain person wants to see if you too will succumb to their charms. Creative types enjoy unusual productivity. Express your thoughts.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

An unconscious sexual attraction may be at the root of an argument between you and another. Relations with friends are inspiring.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Watch out for those who would take advantage in financial matters. Career progress comes now and finances should improve.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Karate blow
- 5 Vault
- 10 Sensational
- 12 Rod of tennis
- 13 Picture
- 14 Blazing
- 15 Set in

DOWN

- 3 Take the
- 4 Glutton
- 5 Explosion
- 6 Lumbar
- 7 Pilot
- 8
- 9 Handled
- 11 Become
- 12 Polynesian
- 13 Tyrant
- 21 Small bird
- 22 Cut down
- 23 Sot
- 24 Maestro's stick

27 Bugged down

28 Understand

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31 Exclusive

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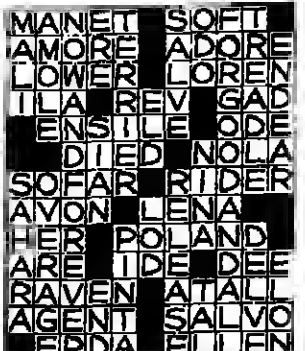
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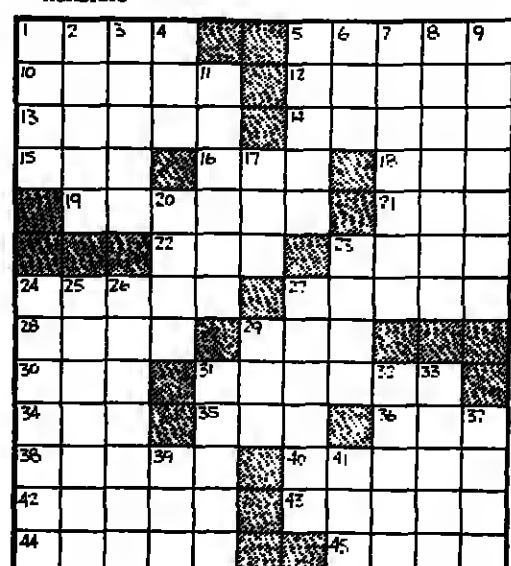
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Yesterday's Answer

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| 26 Trumpet | 37 Cupola |
| 27 Annoy | 38 Minced |
| 29 Get it | 41 Coal |
| 31 Cubic meter | scuttle |



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L E A A X R
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

JL G J B G T A W C A F L V W J O L K W V

E X V G W N C V W G C V J L V F L V G E V W J .

- L V T C P J L K C V G N

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LANGUAGE ORIGINATED BEFORE PHILOSOPHY, AND THAT'S WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PHILOSOPHY. - G.C. LICHTENBERG

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Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump and North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?

- ♠ A Q 10 5
♥ A 10 4
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ 10 3

- ♠ 7 3
♥ J 7
♦ K 7 5 4 3 2
♣ A 9 6

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts and North leads the nine of diamonds. How would you play the hand? (Let's assume the missing trumps are divided 2-2.)

- ♠ A 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ K J 5
♣ A Q

- ♠ Q 7 2
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ 10 5

1. This is one of those hands where you're certain to make the contract regardless of how the missing cards are divided - if you play correctly. Obviously, there's no problem if the diamonds are divided 2-1; you simply cash the A-Q of diamonds and overtake your eight with dummy's king. That gives you nine tricks, easy as pie.

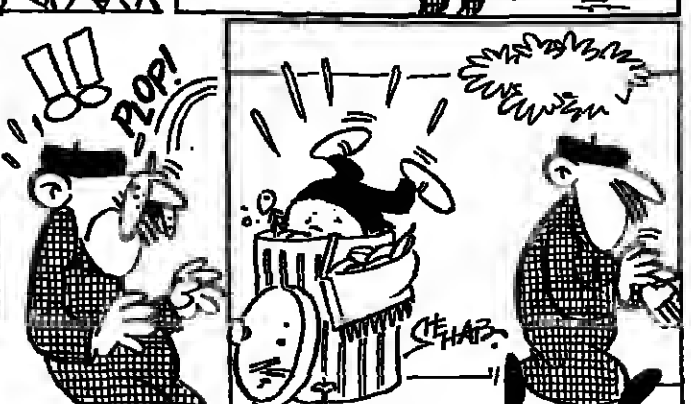
But let's suppose the diamonds are divided 3-0, which happens 22 percent of the time. In that case, one opponent holds the J-10-6 of diamonds and you can't run your six diamond tricks unless you find a way of unblocking the blockage in the suit.

2. Win the diamond lead with the jack, draw trumps, cash three more diamond tricks, discarding a spade, then play the ace and another spade towards dummy's remaining Q-7. If North has the king of spades, dummy's queen becomes your twelfth trick. If South has the king of spades, you still have the club finesse to fall back on.

It is important to first test your luck in spades rather than clubs, because you give yourself an added chance to make the slam if it turns out that South was dealt the king of spades. If you were to try the club finesse first and lost the queen to the king, you would almost surely wind up going down one. In effect, by tackling spades first, you give yourself two chances to make the contract instead of only one.



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Drug ring bosses freed

French scandal hits four prison doctors

PARIS, March 17 (R) — A woman doctor who headed France's prison hospital service has been charged in a scandal over the release of drug ring bosses from jail on health grounds, judicial sources said Thursday.

Solange Troisier, 63, a former Gaullist member of parliament, was indicted in Marseilles on Wednesday on allegations of having issued false medical certificates. She is the fourth senior prison service doctor to be charged since investigations began last year into suspicions that important drug traffickers were feigning illness and buying their freedom from jail.

The probe began when a prisoner said he had paid \$15,000 in an unsuccessful effort to secure his release on medical grounds.

The sources said more people were expected to be charged as examining magistrates waded through a thick dossier of suspect releases. At the center of the scandal is the 100-bed Baumettes Prison hospital where leading members of the "French connection," the notorious Marseilles heroin ring, are held.

Charged with Dr. Troisier are Dr. Alain Colombani, former head of medical services at Baumettes, and doctors Bernard Mariotti and Raymond Mazaud who worked with the prison. They face up to three years imprisonment as well as medical disgrace. Dr. Troisier, a Paris University professor, gynecological surgeon and member of the central committee of the neo-Gaullist RPR party, was inspector general of the prison hospital system until December.

The accusations against all four stem from the case of Robert Kechichian who was released from Baumettes in 1981, alleged to be suffering from a serious cancer, while awaiting trial for drug offenses. He immediately disappeared and was later sentenced in absentia to 18 years imprisonment.

Marseilles Judge Pierre Michel, who reluctantly signed Kechichian's release after warning that he would escape, was murdered three months later by unknown assailants. Police believe his killing was linked with his investigations into the French connection traffickers.

Prosecution sources alleged that Dr. Colombani first diagnosed cancer in Kechichian in May 1981. They said his findings were confirmed by Dr. Mariotti and Dr. Mazaud, who told Judge Michel the prisoner needed intensive care which could not be provided at Baumettes.

The alternatives were to send him to

Union leader smells rat in Polish rallies

GDANSK, Poland, March 17 (AP) — Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed Solidarity labor union, spoke out Wednesday against "unorganized and anonymous" demonstrations such as those on Gdansk and three other Polish cities this week.

"We were not the organizers and the whole thing was very suspicious," Walesa said of demonstrations by about 1,500 Solidarity supporters Sunday and Monday in Gdansk. The unrest in Gdansk, Warsaw, Wroclaw and Kalisz was inspired by unsigned leaflets which Walesa said "seemed fake, very suspicious."

Interviewed before he attended the trial of six Solidarity figures in Elblag, 62 kilometers east of his home in Gdansk, Walesa stopped short of accusing either Poland's Communist authorities or militant opponents of the government of inciting the unrest.

The state-run radio said the demonstrations were incited by "anti-Socialist elements ... doing everything to prevent further normalization, especially now that preparations are under way for the pope's (June) visit, which is clearly unwanted by the political opposition at home and abroad."

Walesa said that his every action is closely watched by the authorities, and claimed that someone — he would not explain who — "wants to eliminate the most aggressive people ... and they want to demonstrate force ... (to tell society) don't try anything, because we are very strong."

Walesa, who last week called for more "determined action" by Solidarity supporters, possibly including "protests, hunger strike and strikes," said he was not issuing a call for the kind of occupation strikes that led to Solidarity's creation in August 1980.

"I mentioned those forms of protest as examples," he said. "I meant that depending on the area, possibilities and effectiveness, (we) have to choose more effective and more visible means to demonstrate that we are still here and that we will not give up."

His goal, he says, is revival of Solidarity, which was suspended with the martial law declaration of Dec. 13, 1981 and outlawed last October.

"Many things can be called a strike," he said. "Among others, there can be such a simple and funny strike for example that we don't buy goods" from the state production and distribution system.

Walesa said on his release from martial law internment last November that he was walking a greased tightrope between inaction and action which could lead to his arrest. Now he says, "the rope is slippery, but so far, I haven't fallen down."

The 39-year-old former electrician declined to publicly discuss his future plans in detail but said he "will be more active now ... and will travel all around the country doing the things I used to do," meeting and counseling Solidarity supporters.

Walesa voiced conditional support for Solidarity's underground leadership, but said he could not endorse all of its tactics, which include preparations for a general strike at an unspecified date.

He remains on the payroll of the Lenin Shipyard, Walesa said, but so far management has not allowed him to resume his old job there, and has not given him a reason.

Indian Army chief tours Assam areas

NEW DELHI, March 17 (APF) — The Indian Army chief, Gen. K. V. Krishna Rao, Thursday began a tour of the troubled north-east state of Assam amid reports of a possible new mass protest against immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal. Gen. Rao, whose command covers India's 944,000-strong infantry, was to meet the armed forces commanders in the sensitive border state before returning here Saturday.

The administration in Assam, run by Premier Indra Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, asked the army Tuesday to take full control of the state capital Gauhati and 17 other areas. The army was given wide powers to arrest, search, demolish any structure, and shoot at sight anyone indulging in violence and arson.

Meanwhile, Indian news reports said the All-Assam Students' Union, which is spearheading the four-year-old protest against the immigrants, had called a meeting in Gauhati on March 21 to work out a new strategy.

Japanese-Americans sue for U.S. damages

WASHINGTON, March 17 (APF) — A group of 25 Japanese-Americans, acting for 120,000 others who were interned during World War II as potential security risks following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, sued the U.S. government on Wednesday.

An order banning all U.S. citizens of Japanese origin from residing, working or traveling on the U.S. West coast was signed by President Franklin Roosevelt in February 1942. Last Feb. 24, a special government commission termed the measure, which sent 120,000 to relocation camps in California and six other western states, "a grave injustice" that explainable only by "war hysteria" and "racism."

The 25 plaintiffs, backed by the U.S. National Council for Japanese-American Redress, are seeking \$200,000 each to compensate for moral and material damages suffered and for official acknowledgment of legal U.S. responsibility.

The case was put before a federal judge here on the basis of World War II documents recently declassified. "For the first time, the injury has been defined in unmistakably clear terms," said one of the plaintiffs, William Minoru Hohri. "We believe we have a very strong case."

"This suit is the culmination of the kind of things that have been brewing for the past 41 years, since we were interned," Wes Yamaka told a Los Angeles press conference.

Los Angeles and San Francisco, two of the main centers for Japanese-Americans, agreed recently to compensate state and city employees who were interned. San Francisco paid \$1,250 for each year of internment.



BURNING BUS: Commuters enraged by a cut in service by privately owned transport companies in Sao Paulo, Brazil, set this bus and another on fire and stoned two dozen others this week. The companies cut their services to force the government to allow them to raise fares.

Flash floods kill 1 Australian

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia, March 17 (R) — Flash floods which swept through this central Australia desert town left one man dead and four persons missing, police said Thursday.

The floods Wednesday night in normally dry Alice Springs followed torrential storms which in hours dumped about six inches of rain in the area's heaviest downpour for more than 10 years. Police said the floodwaters had receded but added that the rain had started again and more storms were forecast. The Todd River, a wide water course which was completely dry Wednesday, rose to four meters at one stage and burst its banks.

The dead man was one of four persons in a caravan on the river bank which was swept downstream. His body was found on a sandbank outside town as the river dropped to about one meter deep. The other three, and a man swept off a causeway about the same time, were still missing, a police spokesman added.

Britain's Prince Charles, his wife the Princess of Wales and their son Prince William are due in Alice Springs on Sunday to start a six-week tour of Australia and New Zealand.

A government official who arrived in Alice Springs on Thursday to complete arrangements for the three-day royal visit there said: "We are ahead as planned."

The floods have washed out many local roads around the outback town as well as the main Stuart Highway which links it to Darwin to the north and Adelaide to the south. Many telephone and all commercial telex links with the area have been out of action since the floods, and the town has been without electricity since Wednesday night when a power station's basement. Most large buildings have emergency generators.

The storms were the latest in a series of extreme weather conditions which have caused death and destruction in Australia recently. In February, a combination of strong winds and the worst drought this century produced devastating bushfires around the southern cities of Melbourne and Adelaide. The fires killed 72 persons. Only weeks later, flash floods in the Adelaide hills caused widespread damage but no casualties.

Convicted Soviet spy dies

WARSAW, March 17 (AP) — Fred Rose, a convicted Soviet spy who was Canada's only member of parliament elected under the Communist banner, has died in his native Poland, his wife Fanny Rose said Thursday. He was 76.

Mrs. Rose said her husband died Wednesday in Warsaw but she was too upset to give a reporter further details. The cause of death was unknown.

After the conviction in 1947, the Canadian government forbade him from visiting his daughter, said Merrill Weisbord, a friend in Montreal who spent five days with Rose in Warsaw in 1978 while researching a book on Canadian radicals.

In 1945, Igor Gouzenko, a young decoding clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, defected and gave the Canadian government a list of its citizens described as spies for the Soviet Union.

"Of all the persons mentioned in the Russian documents ... none, Soviet officials excepted, have been more repeatedly and prominently mentioned than Fred Rose," a royal commission reported in 1946 after investigating Gouzenko's revelations. The documents said Rose gave the Soviets details about a secret wartime session of parliament in 1944.

Born Fred Rosenberg in 1907, Rose moved nine years later with his parents and settled in Montreal's working-class district of Cartier. Rose was elected as the Communist Labor Progressive member of parliament in 1943 and won re-election in 1945.

Illegal aliens facing Belgian sloop

BRUSSELS, March 17 (APF) — The Belgian government is planning to crack down on illegal Asian and African immigrants, either arriving or living here, as public concern grows over their presence.

Several burgomasters (mayors) have told the government that they will not provide food, aid or shelter for these immigrants, mainly from Ghana, India, Pakistan, Zaire and Romania.

A Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman, denying reports that immigrants would be sent to disused barracks while their situation was examined, said it was possible a reception center near the Zaventem International Airport would be prepared for refugees seeking political asylum in Belgium.

Meanwhile, several mayors are refusing to provide social benefits to 600 Pakistanis who have arrived here this year. Mayor Roger Nols called on residents of his district to commemorate on Saturday the first anniversary of the death of a young Belgian "cowardly murdered by a group of young North Africans."

Belgian associations for the defense of immigrants are organizing a mass rally March 25 to protest barbed wire immigration controls.

They are opposed to a draft project to limit immigrants to a certain tolerance quota in each Brussels district to prevent local residents from being swamped out by foreigners.

U.S. wants to question Klaus Barbie

WASHINGTON, March 17 (Agencies) — The U.S. Justice Department wants to interrogate accused Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, awaiting trial in France, concerning Barbie's alleged postwar links with American intelligence in Europe, a department spokesman said here.

"We are very seriously considering that," said Allan Ryan, who is heading an inquiry opened this week into Barbie's activities. Barbie, 69, head of the Gestapo in Lyons from 1942 to 1944, subsequently fled to Bolivia, which last month expelled him to France, where he is charged with crimes against humanity.

Shortly after he arrived in France, reports surfaced concerning Barbie's collaboration with American intelligence services, which reportedly paid him \$1,700 a month for information on the location of Nazis in Europe. The U.S. Justice Department has also released documents indicating that Barbie entered the United States on four occasions in 1969 and 1970 with a Bolivian passport under the name Klaus Altmann, an alias he is said to have used in Bolivia.

Meanwhile, Barbie's daughter-in-law believes he and the French resistance hero he allegedly tortured to death could have become friends "under different circumstances," according to an interview broadcast Wednesday by French radio.

Francoise Croisier de Altmann, widow of Barbie's only son, told Radio France-Inter in an interview from Bolivia that her father-in-law had great respect for resistance leader Jean Moulin.

Barbie was head of the Gestapo in the southern French city of Lyon when he and a dozen men captured Moulin in June 1943 in a raid on a supposedly secret resistance meeting. Moulin had been sent from London to occupied France by Gen. Charles de Gaulle to organize the various resistance factions under a unified command.

Barbie is accused of torturing Moulin to death, a charge he has repeatedly denied. "He (Barbie) spoke to me of Jean Moulin," Mrs. Croisier de Altmann said. "He said he was a man he appreciated and with whom, lamentably, he came into contact as an enemy. They could have been friends under different circumstances."

She said Barbie was "a just man, good and honest and an excellent grandfather and father-in-law." She also denied reports that Barbie was involved in illegal drug transactions in Bolivia, where he lived from 1951 until his expulsion and subsequent extradition to France last month.

Mrs. Croisier de Altmann was married to Barbie's only son, Klaus-Altmann Wilhelms, who was killed in an automobile accident in May 1981. She teaches French in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and the interview was conducted in French. Barbie, whose wife died of cancer last December, has a daughter living in Austria.

Court sources in Lyon said Wednesday prosecutors are awaiting medical approval before resuming their questioning of the 69-year-old Barbie, who underwent successful emergency hernia surgery two weeks ago.

U.S. diplomat leaves

MOSCOW, March 17 (AP) — American diplomat Richard W. Osborne, branded a spy by the KGB secret police last week, has left the Soviet Union, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Thursday.

The embassy provided no details about his departure or destination. In the week since Osborne was labelled a spy, the embassy had refused to say when he would depart or comment on the substance of the KGB charges revealed last Thursday in the government newspaper, Izvestia.

China jails 3 radicals

PEKING, March 17 (R) — Three extreme leftist leaders have been jailed for "counter-revolutionary" crimes committed during the Maoist Cultural Revolution of 1966-76, the Peking Daily said Thursday.

The official newspaper said former student leader Kuai Dafu, a star prosecution witness at the trial of the "gang of four" radicals led by Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing, was given a 17-year sentence for murder and other crimes.

A former Peking University woman teacher, Nie Yuanzi, who won national fame for writing the first "big character poster" of the Cultural Revolution, was also given a 17-year sentence, while another prominent student leader, Han Aijing, was jailed for 15 years, the paper added.

Kuai and Nie admitted most of their crimes but denied being counterrevolutionaries. Han "shifted the blame onto others and absolved himself from blame," it said. Nie, 62, "took part in plots aimed at overthrowing the power of the people's democratic dictatorship" and also framed and persecuted many innocent people, the newspaper said.

The Peking Daily said the trial of the three ended Wednesday and was attended by 3,000 persons. Chinese sources said they were all arrested several years ago and had been in jail ever since.

The paper said that in sentencing Kuai, the court had taken into consideration the fact that he had given important evidence in the "gang of four" trial in November 1980.

Kuai, 37, was brought from jail to give crucial testimony against Jiang Qing's henchman, former Shanghai city boss Zhang Chunqiao. At the trial, Kuai told how, in December 1966, Zhang ordered him to publicly discredit head of state Liu Shaoqi and China's present strongman, Deng Xiaoping.

"You young revolutionary fighters should ... flop the cut that has fallen into the water. Make their very names stink. Don't stop half-way," Kuai quoted Zhang as saying. Zhang, who refused to utter a word throughout his trial, was given a suspended death sentence which was commuted to life imprisonment last January.

Letter bomb claimed

BUENOS AIRES, March 17 (R) — An ultra-nationalist Argentine group has claimed responsibility for letter bombs sent to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and U.S. Navy headquarters in London this week, the private news agency DYN reported Wednesday night.

The agency said it had received a call from a man saying he belonged to an organization called "April 2" after the date on which Argentina occupied the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands, sparking the South Atlantic war last year.

DYN quoted the caller as saying: "Unfortunately, the letter we sent to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was intercepted ... but sooner or later we are going to blow off her head."

Two letter bombs sent to Mrs. Thatcher's official residence in Downing Street were safely defused Wednesday and Tuesday. Another, sent to the U.S. Navy's European headquarters in London, went off Tuesday and slightly injured a chief petty officer.

Tank rider back in post

BASINGSTOKE, England, March 17 (AP) — A teen-age soldier who took home the 50-ton Chieftain tank he had been learning to drive was allowed to return to duty Wednesday, according to the Defense Ministry.

Nineteen-year-old Philip Maton is back driving a tank in military exercises in West Germany with his unit, said a ministry spokesman. "No disciplinary action has been taken against him." His mother Diane, 36, said she was "very relieved" her son was working again.

Maton had been under "close arrest" Feb. 18 after driving the tank — equipped to lay a steel bridge — 80 miles to his home in this Hampshire town.

He drove at top speed, 22 mph, along winding rural roads without mishap and parked outside his home at 6 a.m. When his parents failed to notice his arrival, he drove to his old school's playground where schoolchildren, and army officials, found him.

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Bangkok	27	81	33	91	clear	1	34	6	43
Beirut	10	50	16	61	cloudy	15	59	29	84
Berlin	5	41	12	54	cloudy	4	39	15	59
Brussels	4	39	13	55	cloudy	3	46	14	57
Buenos Aires	19	66	27	81	rain	0	32	3	37
Cairo	6	43	19	66	cloudy	7	45	13	55
Caracas	22	72	31	88	cloudy	0	32	11	52
Chicago	0	32	9	48	cloudy	17	63	30	86
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Dublin	8	46	12	54	cloudy	10	50	13	55
Frankfurt	-1	30	12	54	cloudy	1	34	4	39
Geneve	3	37	9	48	rain	25	77	34	93
Helsinki	1	34	9	48	rain	2	36	5	41
Hong Kong	14	57	16	61	rain	18	64	23	73
Jakarta	22	72	33	91	rain	13	55	18	64
Kuala Lumpur	24	75	34	93	clear	5	41	10	50
London	9	48	15	59	cloudy	2	36	9	48
Los Angeles	13	59	24	75	rain	1	34	17	63
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Manila	21	70	36	97	clear	3	37	8	46
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Moscow	1	34	6	43	cloudy				
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Sao Paulo	1	34	4	39	clear				
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